

Second Sunday in Lent
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PRESERVICE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE: *"Solemn Passacaglia" composed by Hal Hopson, published by Agape, Carol Stream IL.*

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 4:1, 6, 8*

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

People: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Pastor: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

People: Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"

Pastor: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

People: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" (Lutheran Service Book, #779)

Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such

None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.

Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in this holy season of Lent we hear again God's call to follow His Son Jesus through death to life. The way to Paradise, the garden of heaven, leads through Golgotha, the place of the skull. Yet beyond Lent lies Easter; and beyond the tomb, a crown.

People: But we are reluctant to suffer, and would rather follow a different path. By nature we recoil from the pain of cross-bearing. The garden we surely want, but not by way of death. Forgive, O Lord Jesus, our fear and frailty! Turn us away from ourselves, and by Your Spirit work within us such strength of love for You that we gladly amend our lives and joyfully go where You direct us.

Pastor: Fear not, dear ones! Your walk will not end in death. The Lamb of God has covered You with His blood. No record of your sin remains. Beyond this life, for Jesus' sake, places are reserved for you in heaven. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and with the authority the Risen Lord bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Turning neither to the right nor the left, Lord Jesus, You strode steadfastly toward Jerusalem and Calvary. Your love for sinners was so strong that You would not be deterred from Your mission of salvation. Fill us with love that, like Yours, will endure all things so that others may share by faith all the joys of heaven, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jeremiah 26:8–15*

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

RESPONSORY: Psalm 4:3

Lector: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;

People: The LORD hears when I call to Him.

EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 3:17—4:1*

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 4:2a, 5

Lector: O men, how long shall My honor be turned into shame?

People: Offer right sacrifices, and put you trust in the LORD.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 13:31–35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course. Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "O Love, How Deep" (LSB, #544)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON: "Compelled by Love" (Luke 13:33)

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE OFFERTORY: "Rise, Shine, You People," LSB #825, arranged by Hart Morris, published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE: for Lent—Nicky, please substitute

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be served in continuous stations. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "O Come To The Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed, by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.
(Repeat)

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

O come to the altar;
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

*Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.*

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

My life goes on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth!
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night He giveth!

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His,
How can I keep from singing!

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Your Table I Approach" (LSB, #628)

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

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Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION: (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (LSB, #857)

Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands

Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.
You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.
Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

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Proclaimer & Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians:

Lauren Brezina (piano), Adam Perez (guitar)

Organist: Adam Perez

Lay Readers:

8:15 Reader – Kathy Craig

11:00 Reader – La Nell Hill

Children's Message: Misty Fisher