



Order of Worship

February 25th, 2018



Second Sunday in Lent

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LITURGY

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PRELUDE

“The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”

WELCOME

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

Minister: We come to worship from different places.

People: O Lord, be not far from us.

Minister: And we come to worship for different reasons.

People: O Lord, be not far from us.

Minister: We feel the Spirit in different ways.

People: O Lord, be not far from us.

Minister: And we hear the Savior with different ears.

People: O Lord, be not far from us.

ALL: Gracious God, as we worship You with all our differences, make us one in heart, soul, and mind to praise You for Your presence here. Lord, we know that we are unworthy to approach You now, but You have opened Zion’s gates through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we enter in to offer up a song of joy, and to fellowship with You this day in hope, solace, light, and grace. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

+ SONG OF APPROACH

"Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty"

words by Benjamin Schmolck, 1704; music by Joachim Neander, 1680



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



PRAYER OF ADORATION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

The people join hands

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.

† **SONG OF ADORATION** “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”

words by Henry W. Baker, 1868; music by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939 (Indelible Grace)

The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadest a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

† **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Pastor: O Christ, Who is the King of love, we bless Your name and
pray to You....

ALL: Gracious Lord, we confess to You and to one another that we
have sinned in thought, word, and deed. And though we know
we stand in Your righteousness, we often work to save
ourselves. Lord, give us grace to take the cross and leave our
quest to gain the world; the quest that makes us lose our soul,
and look upon Your way with shame. Forgive us we pray.
Amen.

(Confess in Silence)

† **SONG OF CONFESSION** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

words by Unknown Martyr; music by Assam, mid-1800s

I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)

No turning back. No turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x)

No turning back. No turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow; (3x)

No turning back. No turning back.

† **CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves us just as
we are. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the
Church of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness
of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!
Thanks be to God!

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

ALL: 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 to the dead;
 On the third day He rose again;
 He ascended into heaven,
 And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
 The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

* The word *catholic* means “universal” (not the Roman Catholic Church), and shows that Christ and his Gospel are for all people.

† PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

† SONG OF PEACE

“Soon And Very Soon”

words and music by Andrae Crouch, 1978

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 We are going to see the King.*

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 We are going to see the King.*

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 We are going to see the King.*

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 We are going to see the King.*

+ OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7;15-16 (ESV)

God's Covenant With Abram

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, a reading from the book of Genesis. Listen and hear the Word of God:

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, ² that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

+ NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 8:31-38 (ESV)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of Mark.
Listen and hear the Word of God:

³¹ And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

† WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY

words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should (Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS

words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!
God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Near The Cross”

words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; music by Williams H. Doane, 1869

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

[CHORUS]

In the cross, in the cross

Be my glory ever,

Till my ransomed soul shall find

Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.

[CHORUS]

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

[CHORUS]

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

[CHORUS]

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray to the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying...

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the world, for the freedom of the oppressed, for the wisdom of all rulers, for the unity of all people, for those who are suffering and feel exiled from others, and for those in need of hope as they face the works of terror and war in Fort Lauderdale and the Middle East. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the Church and the unity of all believers. For the unity of Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox Christians, and those without denominations. And for the unity and ministry of our brothers and sisters at *Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis*, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of Switzerland and all who live here, for the Bundesrat and leaders of St. Gallen, and for the Kirchenrat and leaders of our Synod, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: And for the life we are called to live. May we take up our cross, deny ourselves, and follow Christ in faith, hope, and love until we come to see Him face to face.

People: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Scotty: Gracious Father, as a parent gives hope to a troubled child, You have given us hope through Jesus Christ. Thank You for feeding us at His Table, giving us Your Holy Word, and watching over us with eyes of love. Father accept our prayers, give us the grace to accept Your answers, and help us to follow the Savior, Who leads, guides, comforts, and protects us. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

† SONG OF SENDING

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; music by William H. Doane, 1895

1 All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be-side?
 2 All the way my Sav-ior leads me, cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
 3 All the way my Sav-ior leads me; O the full-ness of his love!

Can I doubt his ten-der mer-cy, who through life has been my guide?
 gives me grace for ev-ery tri-al, feeds me with the liv-ing bread;
 Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa-ther's house a-bove;

Heaven-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, here by faith in him to dwell,
 though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
 when my spir-it, clothed im-mor-tal, wings its flight to realms of day,

for I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well;
 gush-ing from the rock be-fore me, lo! a spring of joy I see;
 this my song through end-less a-ges, Je-sus led me all the way;

† BENEDICTION

Blessing of Sarah and Abraham

Pastor: May the blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham,
 May the blessing of the Son born of Mary,
 And may the blessing of the Holy Spirit, Who watches
 over us as a mother watches over her children
 Be upon you and with you always.

† CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Threefold (Danish) Amen

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are placed below the treble staff. The first two 'A - men.' are each followed by a whole rest in the treble staff. The third 'A - men.' is followed by a melodic phrase in the treble staff: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4, all beamed together. The bass staff follows a similar pattern, with whole notes for the first two 'A - men.' and a melodic phrase for the third: a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3, all beamed together. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord in both staves.