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The Second Sunday of Lent



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Bread of Life from **With One Voice***

THE PRELUDE: *A Tear*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

D Em⁷/D G/D A/D D Bm Bm⁷/A

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

G A F^{#m}7 Bm Em⁷ F^{#7}

To stanzas *End*

hope be - yond our sor - row. sor - row.

G Em A D A D

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,

grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your
 ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all
 teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

Refrain

com - fort, fill our hearts.
 vi - sion, God of love.
 kind - ness, be our guide.
 pas - sion, fill each heart.

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

HAND BELL SOLO: *Lament*

Rebecca Alferink

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. ⁷But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them

to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 102:15-28

¹⁵ The nations shall fear your name, O LORD,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

¹⁶ **For the LORD will build up Zion,
and his glory will appear.**

¹⁷ He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless;
he will not despise their plea.

¹⁸ **Let this be written for a future generation
so that a people yet unborn
may praise the LORD.**

¹⁹ For the LORD looked down
from his holy place on high;
from the heavens he beheld the earth;

²⁰ **that he might hear the groan of the captive
and set free those condemned to die;**

²¹ that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and his praise in Jerusalem;

²² **when the peoples are gathered together,
and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.**

²³ He has brought down my strength before my time;
he has shortened the number of my days.

²⁴ **and I said, “O my God,
do not take me away in the midst of my days;
your years endure throughout all generations.**

²⁵ In the beginning, O LORD,
you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ **They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment;
as clothing you will change them,
and they shall be changed;**

²⁷ but you are always the same,
and your years will never end.

²⁸ **The children of your servants shall continue,
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:21-29

²¹ Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. ²² But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn
to the Lord, your God, who is grac - ious
and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:8-23

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 And follow where your feet have trod;
 Till glorious from your heav'n above,
 Shall come the city of our God.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and 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 OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

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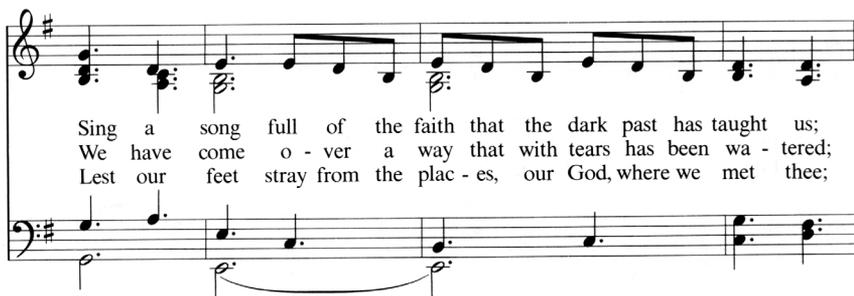
Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

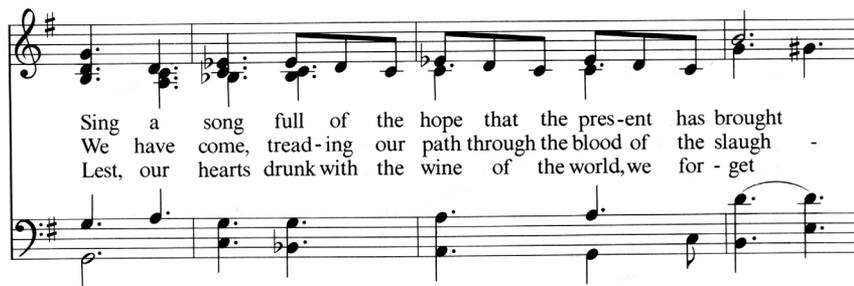
ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

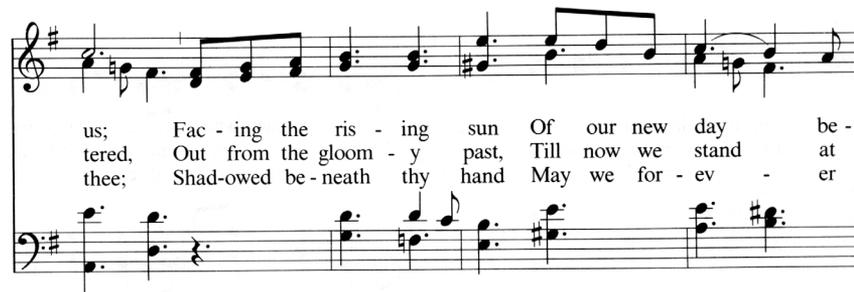
skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light: Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought
 We have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -
 tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at
 thee; Shad-owed be - neath thy hand May we for - ev - er



gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *God of This City*