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The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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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O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, In love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, That our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, Since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; Oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and



in your sight, To live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought May work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide To love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 Each other's burdens help us share;
 May we, where help is needed, there
 Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 All those who live to live in love,
 Till you receive in heav'n above
 Those who have lived to you.

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.

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *Hine Ma Tov*

Randall Fields

(Translation: *How good and pleasant it is that people live together in peace.*)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say

to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.’¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.’¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.’¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

THE PSALM

Psalms 133

¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is
when brethren live together in unity!

² **It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

³ Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

⁴ **It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

⁵ For there the LORD has ordained the blessing;
life forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

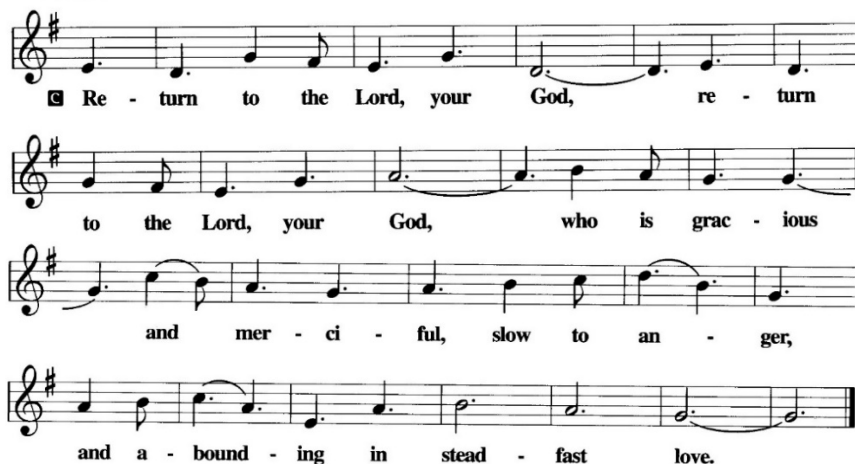
Ephesians 4:1-7, 14-16

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" *all verses*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
shall be free; And per - fect love and

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

The first system of musical notation for the offertory. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a G-clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody starts on a G4 note, followed by a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff begins with an F-clef and the same key signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a G-clef and two flats. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with an F-clef and two flats. The lyrics 'spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and' are written below the treble staff.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a G-clef and two flats. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with an F-clef and two flats. The lyrics 'take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the' are written below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff continues the melody with a G-clef and two flats. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with an F-clef and two flats. The lyrics 'joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

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

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Fantasia*