

March 6, 2022

The First Sunday of Lent



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed, But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 vour - us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

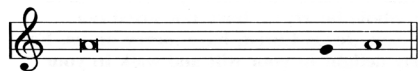
He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.

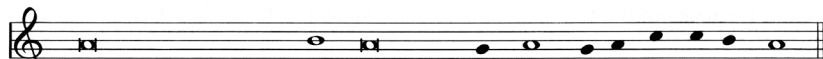
THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



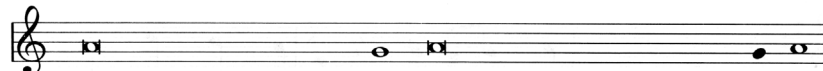
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



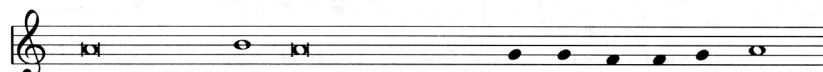
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



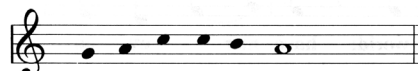
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



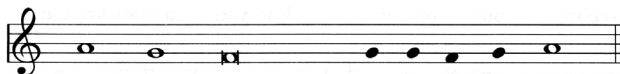
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



Ⓒ A - men

THE SALUTATION



Ⓔ The Lord be with you.



Ⓒ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

TEMPLE TALK: *CASA* (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound)

Ann Anderson

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in

number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

² He shall say to the LORD,
**“You are my refuge and my stronghold,
My God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ there shall no evil happen to you,
**neither shall any plague
come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For he shall give his angels
charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

¹² They shall bear you in their hands,
**lest you dash your foot
against a stone.**

¹³ You shall tread
upon the lion and adder;
**you shall trample the young lion
and the serpent under your feet.**

¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
**I will protect him,
because he knows my name.**

¹⁵ He shall call upon me,
and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him
and bring him to honor.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.

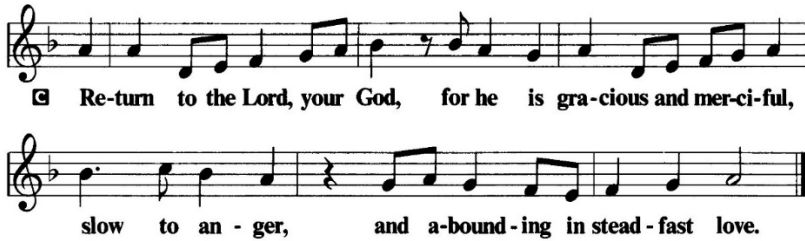
THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

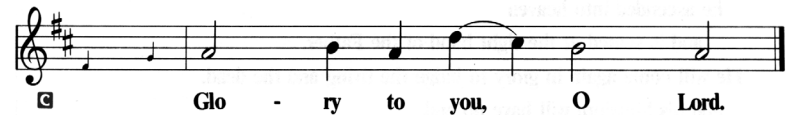
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”



Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious 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. Luke, the 4th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

Assistant to the Bishop Jonathan Hemphill

HYMN: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

In - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, And free us from our past.
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
So teach us to de - ny our - selves That we may know God's love.
That when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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 INSTALLATION of INTERIM PASTOR DIANA BOTTIN

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and

dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

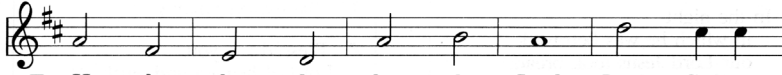


☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

□ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. A square symbol is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way; As the Light of light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes, the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish, As the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the

change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, And nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
 In full obedience to our Lord;
 To care for all, without reserve,
 And spread his liberating Word.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE