

LENT | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves especially examining our devotion to Christ. As such, we lay aside through repentance both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and that we belong to no other.*

prelude

KATHY LORIMOR

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Come Thou Fount – William J. Kirkpatrick, arranged by James Koerts

Lead Me to Calvary/Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Kirkpatrick/Maker, arranged by Tom Fettke

preparing our hearts

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

– Psalm 63:5-8 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

All: **My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: **In your name I will lift up my hands.**

– Psalm 63:1-4 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold –
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Leader: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of the heavens and the earth.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: From dust you brought forth the human race and blessed us in your image. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Leader: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Leader: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

All: Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!

JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

— Psalm 25:11-12^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O Lord,
The house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in.
It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases your sight.
I confess it, but who shall cleanse it?
To whom shall I cry but to you?
Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord,
And spare your servant from my peculiar sins.
All this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of my soul. Amen.

— Adapted prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

KYRIE ELEISON†

Leader: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner

All: Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner

Leader: Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner,

All: Have mer-cy on me — a sin-ner. —

†*Kyrie Eleison* is transliterated from Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” Public Domain.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

All: They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Leader: Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

All: Thanks be to God!

– John 6:33-35_{ESV}

** hymn of gratitude

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature’s sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, ‘tis all that I can do.

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Leader: Deuteronomy 8:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your preschool children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.

Series | “The Coming of the King”**Sermon** | “The King’s Bounty”**March 15, 2020**

Mark 6:30-44 ^{ESV} | 30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. The Demands of Discipleship

2. The Work of Discipleship

3. The Reward of Discipleship

**** song of response**

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? *

** Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee. *

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *

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WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Sundays in Lent, please come forward via the inside aisles to receive the elements. Once you've been served, move to the front carpeted area to reflect and then take your elements. When you are done, place your empty cups in the trays provided and return to your seats via the outside aisles. If you are not taking the elements, you may come forward and stand with your arms crossed to receive a blessing or simply remain seated.

If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please notify the usher as he comes to your row. If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth. Hear us then, as we pray:

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

During the celebration of communion, while the music plays, please reflect on your understanding of and readiness for the Lord’s Table.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *

* Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *

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Please note the announcements found on Pages 16-20 of your bulletin.

**** benediction**

Minister: The God of love has shared his love with you.

All: **May he strengthen us in our love for others.**

Minister: The Son has shared his life with you.

All: **May he grant us grace, that we might share our lives.**

Minister: The Holy Spirit now dwells in you.

All: **May he empower us to live only and always for his glory.**

Minister: Amen.