



March 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

REFLECTION

Satan's temptations represent magic, rescue, fame and power—they beckon me every day of my life. Just around the corner lies happiness, a new lover will provide lasting bliss, if I had what she has, then I would be. . . These are the fantasies, the illusions, that suck out my vitality, that keep me from discovering my own rich reality... What was asked of Jesus is what is asked of us, that we give up illusion, its false promises and its addicting inertia, and “come to our senses,” come to living bread. ~ Nora Gallagher

PRELUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Anthony Giamanco

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

How tempting this morning to lounge about the house and linger over breakfast.

We gather worship with awakened faith and hungry spirit.

How tempting it was this morning to continue perusing the news or chatting with someone..

We gather in worship seeking enjoyment of God's good news and joy in the community of the church.

How tempting to be elsewhere.

How grand to be here!

****HYMN No. 166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
Yes evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

We are people of impatient hunger. We don't want to wait. We are people who seek power and authority. We want to be in control, not to be controlled. We are people whose individual safety is of highest concern. Stop our greed and selfishness, O Lord. Help us to listen to your words of comfort and hope. So, let this be our prayer...

****HYMN No. 698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy! Grace abounds for everyone.

With glad cries of deliverance, we offer our thanks to Christ who loves us and forgives us. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"

Hal H. Hopson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

You Have to Face It to Fix It: Jesus Faces Temptation

Rev. William Schram

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of discipleship be with you.

And also with you.

Let us begin our Lenten journey with open hearts.

We offer them to the One who walks with us.

Let us give thanks to the One who shows us faithful care.

We rejoice in our God of hope and love.

You alone are holy, Hope of our lives, and Jesus Christ ... As we begin to follow him to Jerusalem, as we would choose to embrace his suffering, we speak of that free gift called faith:

Christ died, going into the wilderness of the grave;

Christ was raised, shattering the grip of sin and death;

Christ will come, so we might follow him to the New Jerusalem.

You hold nothing back from us as the Spirit comes to rest ... you will gather us around the great Feast of the Lamb, where we will sing glad songs of joy to you, O God the Three in One. Amen.

HYMN No. 592

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and God of might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed, blessed is one who comes in the name of God.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

HYMN No. 602

"Lamb of God"

AGNUS DEI

Sung during the sharing of communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us peace; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(In Unison)*

Lord Jesus, may we look to You as the example for our lives. Help us empty ourselves of the desires of the world and instead seek what our God desires for us. May we remember in You we are a new creation, and that Your intent for us is love and life. May we live into Your intention for us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

****HYMN**

We Pray for Peace

FINLANDIA

We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,
As once again, we face a time of war.
The meek and humble try — amid the crisis —
To love and build, to nurture and restore.
May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —
That gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —
Who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.
You spoke with love and with amazing power;
Be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer —
That words and deeds can calm the nations here.

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
Your love emboldens, judges and restrains.
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
Make leaders wise, amid competing claims.
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
May love and mercy be our highest aims.

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****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ukraine's Glory Hasn't Perished (State Anthem of Ukraine)

*****Those who are able may stand***

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