

LENTEN SERVICE



THE OLD RUGGED CROSS



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Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Announcements

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

C **Amen.**

P [God] commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.

C **Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.**

Opening Hymn *“Throughout these 40 Days”* #99 (LBW)

Stand

Confession

P With humble and repentant hearts, let us confess our sins unto God our Father.

C **Lord, you shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life. My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack of self-control and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread.**

L God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures, and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own mouth: Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure. Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-12

²The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The sons of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the LORD’S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, “At evening you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt; ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, for He hears your grumblings against the LORD; and what are we, that you grumble against us?”

⁸Moses said, “*This will happen* when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumblings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumblings are not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumblings.’”¹⁰It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“I have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

Second Reading

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed ^[e]were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Stand

Gospel

John 6:1-15

6 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). ² A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" ⁶ This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little." ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, *said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were filled, He *said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will

be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Sermon “Amazing Grace For The Filled”

Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #107 (LBW)

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

(First two Verses)

On a hill far away stood an Old Rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the Old Rugged Cross, I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach, gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

And I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross
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(The Congregation is asked to depart quietly)

Season of Lent

Lent is a season well spent examining our connection to Christ and how our own need for him is a critical aspect of our lives. Times of solitude and meditation are encouraged during this season as we reflect on our own broken nature and what Christ accomplished on the cross of Calvary. The discipleship practices of prayer, generosity, worship, study, fasting, and service all can help us to focus on Jesus' sacrificial love.

