

# *Lenten Service*

*February 28, 2018*



**LENT**  
*Prepare*



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*Worship Service 7:00 p.m.*

## THE PRELUDE

### Announcements

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

HYMN

*“Jesus Refuge of the Weary”*

LBW #93

*Stand*

L When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.

**C So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day, and there we face our fears.**

L The coastlands have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come.

**C Let us draw near and come to the Lord when we are troubled and afraid.**

L For the Lord has said, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

**C I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

L Therefore, when storm clouds of life gather, lightning flashes and thunder rolls, let us remember:

**C The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?**

L When danger surrounds us, enemies threaten us and doubts about the future frighten us, remember these words:

**C The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?**

## Confession and Absolution

L But we confess that there are times when we let fears get the best of us and we fail to trust in you.

**C We confess our lack of confidence in you, O Lord, and ask you to refresh our faith.**

L Hear Jesus say to you this day: "Have no fear; only believe."

**C For he has faced our fears of sin, death and the hell by going to the cross, and there defeated them forever.**

L Your sins are forgiven because of Christ. Your fears of sin, death and hell are erased.

**C We thank you, Jesus, for facing our fears for us on the cross and ridding them of all power through your death and resurrection. Let us now live out our days, trusting completely in you. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

**O Lord, we are often fearful of the storms and dangers of this world, whether they be unseen and unknown, present or just a possibility. Release us from all our fears by reminding us of your protection for us and your authority over every evil force that might be looming out there to harm us. Keep us mindful that through your cross, nothing, neither death nor life, not angels nor rulers, not things present nor things to come, nor powers n, nor height nor depth, not anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God. In your name we pray, Amen.**

*Sit*

First Reading

1 Kings 19:1-13

Second Reading

1 John 4:16-19

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Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

*Sit*  
Message

*“Facing Our Fears”*

Pastor John Boor

Hymn

*“Rock of Ages”*

LBW #327

*Stand*

### **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.**

**Offering**

## Prayers

P Dear Jesus, free us from the fears that can so often paralyze us and keep us from facing the day and doing the work you would have us do. Grant us a spirit of power and self-discipline to overcome every fear that threatens to immobilize our lives with you.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Dear Jesus, protect people everywhere from natural disasters and acts of nature. Guard the lives of those who are in our armed forces, and bring safely home all those who are traveling.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P During this Lenten season, help us to not be afraid to share our faith in you with others. Give us the words to say to those who do not yet know you, and keep us from remaining mum when we see an opportunity to speak out in your name about a situation that is not in line with your will and purpose.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Lord Jesus, like the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, keep us from falling asleep in our faith and become too tired to carry out your will. Awaken us to the needs of those around us and energize us to carry out the tasks they need done. Encourage us in our prayer life, as well, to remember all those who are dealing with fears of any kind which are not allowing them to live a full life.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Hold your cross before our eyes when we find ourselves in the midst of fear and are, like the disciples in the wave-tossed boat, questioning your role in lives. Remind us that even if we cannot see you at work right now, you are present and aware of what is going on, and you will come to our rescue when the time is right, just as you came at just the right time to die on the cross for our sins.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P For these and all other things we have on our hearts, we ask for your grace, confident that we can face whatever comes our way because you faced the cross for us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

*Stand*

Hymn

*“The Old Rugged Cross” (1<sup>st</sup> Verse)*

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

(The congregation leaves in silence)



**THE OLD  
RUGGED  
CROSS**



## **The Season of Lent • Year B**

The general tone for worship during Lent should be reflective without being somber. Simplicity in liturgical elements and hymnody is conducive to setting the appropriate tone. As part of the reflective nature of this season, there is an emphasis on repentance. In the early church, Lent was the period when new believers experienced the catechumenate in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In this season, we are not only reminded of Jesus' faithful and intentional journey to the cross, but also of his calling for us to "take up the cross" and follow him.

