

# *Lenten Service*

*March 14, 2018*



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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

*“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”*

LBW #296

*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

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 face the fact that we have not always dealt well with one another.**

L St. Paul said, “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.”

**C We confess that there have been times we have been angry with one another and have not treated people with respect and we ask for your forgiveness.**

L St. Paul said, “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement.”

**C We confess that there have been times when we built up barriers between us when we should be tearing down walls of discord and we ask for your forgiveness.**

L Find rest in these words, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he ought create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

**C Just as we are reconciled to God through Christ, so we are reconciled to one another.**

L So be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**C We thank you, Jesus, for facing each one of us and loving us in spite of our sin. Help us to face each other with love and forgiveness every day of our lives. Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

**O Christ, you said where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are in the midst of them, Yet when we are together with one another, we do not always see eye to eye. Help us to face up to what we have done to hurt one another and help us to resolve any differences we have among us. In all our interactions, let us remember that we are bound by our love for you, so we are not meant to be in opposition with each other. In all things, let us seek to reach our common goal of living in unity with you. Amen**

*Sit*  
First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

*Stand*  
Holy Gospel John 19:26-28

*Sit*  
Message *“Facing One Another”* Pastor John Boor

Hymn *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* 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**

*Stand*

### **Prayers**

**P** Dear Jesus, so much of our time can be wasted criticizing and putting each other down. Forgive us for criticizing each other instead of building each other up for the advancement of your kingdom.

**L** Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

**P** O God, you have placed us into families, schools, workplaces, and this congregation to do your will and journey with others to accomplish your goals and spread the Gospel. Help us to find more and more ways to work together with others to fulfill your will and make strides toward bringing more people to faith in you.

**L** Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P On the cross, dear Jesus, you brought John and Mary together to support one another in your absence. Bring us together with those whom we can support and those who can support us as we deal with the ups and downs of life. Let us always remember that you have placed people in our lives for a reason.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P When we are at odds with one another and we are having trouble trying to resolve disputes, let us turn to you in prayer together to gain wisdom from you so that we can find common ground on which to stand and a solution that will sustain us in our relationships.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P On the cross, people looked to you with anger, with sorrow, with fear in their eyes. Let us look to you this day on the cross and see only the love, sense only the forgiveness, and feel only the hope of a life of harmony and peace that awaits us all when we stand together before your throne of heaven forevermore.

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.

Father remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray;

**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**

Benediction

Hymn

*“The Old Rugged Cross” (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</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

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

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  
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.

