

Lenten Service

March 13, 2019



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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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

LBW #107

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 there we face our fears.

L We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

C Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L For we are in a time of need this day and seek the help of Christ.

C We confess, O Lord, that there are times when we did not face up to our temptations, but gave into them.

L Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

C For he has passed through death on the cross and gone to speak to the Father on our behalf to grant us forgiveness.

L Your sins are forgiven because of Christ. And since he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

C We thank you, Jesus, for facing the cross, and not giving in to temptation, so that we might have the power to resist temptations by your strength. Amen

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

O Lord, we face temptation every day of our lives, and there is no denying that. Adam and Eve learned how easy it is to give into temptation, and we admit that we can fall victim to temptation so easily at times as well. But you proved when you were in the desert forty days that you can face temptation, and you give us that power every day. Help us to model you in our resistance to temptation that we might live lives that are pleasing to you. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-13

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:21-25

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

“Facing Temptation”

Pastor John

Hymn

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

LBW #439

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.**

Prayers

P Dear Jesus, Forgive us for those times when we have faced temptations and lost. Thank you for giving us second chances. Help us to not be influenced by the devil's tricks in the future and to listen to you instead of listening to the devil's lies.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

C **turn your eyes to us.**

P Dear Jesus, thank you for the tools you have given us to fight off the devil when he comes to do battle with us. We thank you for your Word, which tells us of your love. We thank for the Holy Spirit, who helps us to stand up without fear to every sling and arrow of Satan that comes our way.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

C turn your eyes to us.

P During this Lenten season, help us to remain true to any commitments we may have made to give up something this season. Give us added courage and strength to not let the ways of this world hold sway over us, and let us spend more time in your Word and in prayer.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

C turn your eyes to us.

P As we face trials of all kinds, help us to keep your cross always in our sight, and we ask that your cross might cover and be a blessing over those who are sick, injured or hospitalized, those who are grieving loss, and those who are dealing with any crisis of faith.

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

Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross” (1st 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

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 leaves in silence)

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.

