

Lenten Service

April 10, 2019



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Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bells
Announcements

Opening Hymn *“Glory Be to Jesus”* LBW #95

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . .
O Lord, You are holy and mighty and suffer the mockery of no one, except where You have chosen to suffer for us. Grant us Your Spirit and the full measure of His grace and wisdom, that we may not defame our Lord Jesus in word or deed but live in faithfulness to Him who bore all things for us and our salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Confession And Absolution

L Not all that we experience with our senses brings joy and delight.

C **We see and hear and smell much that brings sorrow, disgust and regret.**

L Indeed, we see violence, we hear angry shouts, we smell decay and death—and we encounter all this not only in the world, but in our own lives. So we pause, and we confess the reality of the failure and brokenness that invades our lives.

C **Lord, you gave us a beautiful world, but it is so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. I am so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. You bless freely, and I am reluctant to share. You shower gifts without measure, and I am grudging in my gratitude. You are wildly liberal in your generosity, and I am miserly and selfish in my response. I fall so short of what I should be. What I see, hear and smell brings grief and shame.**

L God sees your reality and hears your confession. And because Jesus has given everything for you, God forgives your failure and removes your shame. He makes you whole again. He makes you fresh and new and able to do what he gives you to do. Delight in the rich reality of God's grace.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Psalm 22:1-8

22 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning. ²O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest. ³Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. ⁴In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them. ⁵To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed. ⁶But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, *saying*, ⁸“Commit *yourself* to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1Timothy 1:12-16

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*. 16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 15:18-25

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If

they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.²⁵ But *they have done this* to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'

L The Gospel of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Lamb of God"

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" LBW #107

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.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

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 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
And exchange it some day for a crown

(The congregation leaves in silence)

The Season of Lent • Year C



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.

