

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



# *Lenten Service*

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**Lent 2**

*Worship Service 7:00 p.m.*

**THE PRELUDE:  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*"He Cares for Me" (Quoting from a song)*

**Lee Ellis**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**P O Lord, open my lips,**

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

**P 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, Lamb of our salvation.**

**HYMN**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

**LBW #104**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.**

**All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

*Please stand*

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

**Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Philippians 2:1-11*

P Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

P With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P Even though You claimed us as Your own in the waters of Baptism, we often do not walk in the newness of life.

C **Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us –**

P to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

C **With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who blesses us with new birth in the water and the Spirit and assures us that our lives belong to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, and no amount of darkness in our world can overcome your presence shining in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" 2And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. 5For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. 7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

8And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." 14The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." 16To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." 17And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

20The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

22Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" — 23therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL VERSE(sung)

**Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*Please stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:37-42; 11:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>And behold, a man from the crowd cried, "Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my only child; <sup>39</sup>and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him till he foams, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. <sup>40</sup>And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon tore him and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>14</sup>Now he was casting out a demon that was dumb; when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Be-el'zebul, the prince of demons"; <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, sought from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Be-el'zebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Be-el'zebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he assails him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ. *(sung)*

MESSAGE

Pastor John

HYMN

*"There Is A Green Hill Far Away"*

LBW #114

There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n;  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n,  
Saved by his precious blood.

*Please 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.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share that peace.

OFFERING: *“Are Ye Able,” said the Master” (Tune: Beacon Hill)*

*Harry S. Mason*

## PRAYER

P Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

C **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

P Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

C **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

P Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

C **Enable us to see the blessings You have poured out into our lives through the washing of water with the Word.**

P Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [*especially . . .*], and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

C **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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.**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

### *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

*(Verse 1 & 2)*

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)