

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Paul Bunches

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

One: Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

All: **We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: The times, they are troubling. This journey ahead may be hard...

All: **We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: It is God who sustains us, not the temptations of this world...

All: **We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: In the Lord we trust, our direction comes from God...

All: **We follow our faithful Lord.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who is faithful and true...

All: **We follow our faithful Lord.**

Opening Prayer

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of renewed and eternal life. Amen.

***Hymn**

I Come With Joy

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***Call to Confession**

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Confession of Sin**

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us by your grace, feed us the bread of life, and recreate us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

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~Hearing God's Word~

God's Word for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, may the word of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus name. Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 32

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Will Todd

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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Message

Getting Through the Wilderness

Rev. Terry Epling

***Affirmation of Faith**

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** [The Apostles Creed].

***Hymn**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad. You may also share any joys or concerns on the cards in the pews. Place them in the offering plate for inclusion in the pastoral prayer.

Offertory *Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee* Henry Markworth

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* # 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Amen.

***Offering Prayer (unison)**
We give you thanks, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace. Let the gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for you undying love. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn** *Amazing Grace* #649

***Life in Our Church Community**

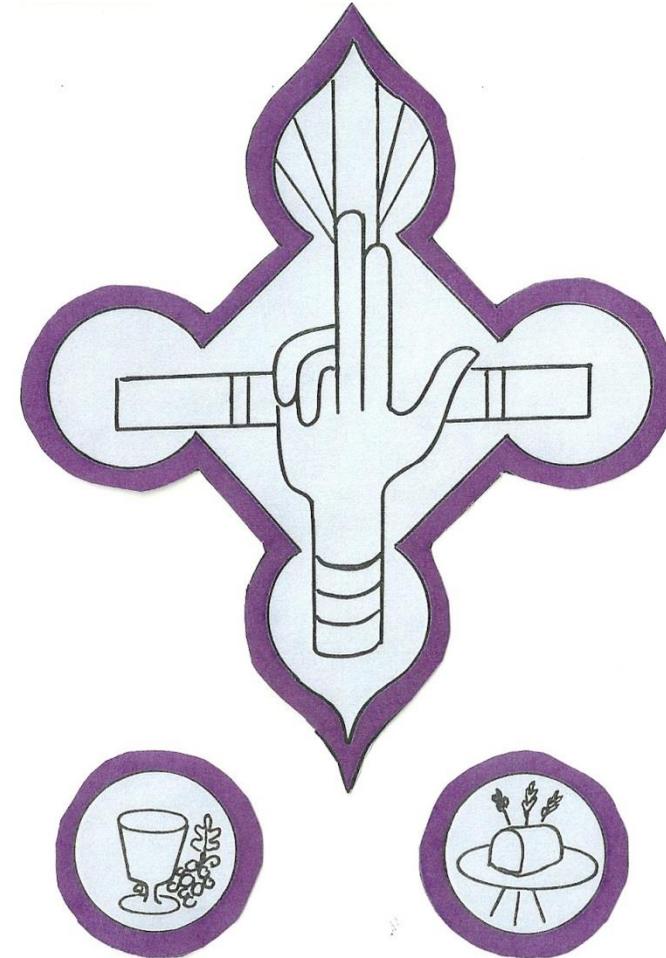
***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Johannes Brahms

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Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.

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