



First Sunday in Lent

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Service of Worship

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Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God: you know that in this world we are under great pressure, so that, at times, we cannot stand. Stiffen our resolve and make faith strong, so we may dig in against temptation and by your power, overcome; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song

“With All My Soul I Thirst” (The Worship Supplement #110)

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 25)

Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

Do not remember the sins of our youth; according to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Hymn #139

“Come Thou, Almighty King” *Italian Hymn*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy: you sent Jesus Christ to save lost people. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Kyrie



(a period of silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, never forget the promise of the gospel.

Because of Jesus Christ, we are worthy to be called the daughters and sons of God.

Gloria



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to the Son and
to the Ho-ly Ghost: As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er
shall be, wor-ld with-out end. A - men.

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Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to be proper disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-1

Anthem *Laudate Dominum*

Praise the LORD, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

Sermon "Driven by the Spirit"

Hymn #80

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" *Lonesome Valley*

[For the rest of the service please see the **Service of the Lord's Table** that was distributed with the bulletin.]



Service of the Lord's Table

Prepared for St. James Presbyterian Church
Lent

The Creed

(International Consultation on English Texts Version)

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, being of one Being with the Father through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Offering

Doxology (to the tune Prospect)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving

Introduction

Pastor: Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Congregation: **People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Liturgist: This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast, which he has prepared.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Sursum Corda



Musical notation for the Sursum Corda. It consists of two staves of music in a common time signature. The first staff is divided into three sections: 'Cantor: Lift up your hearts.', 'People: We lift them up to the Lord.', and 'Cantor: Let us give'. The second staff continues the melody with 'thanks for the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give God thanks and praise.'


Preface

P: Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God:

[a preface appropriate to the season is inserted here.]

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Sanctus



Musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of three staves of music in a common time signature. The first staff begins with a rest followed by the lyrics 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.'. The second staff continues with 'Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est.'. The third staff concludes with 'Bles-sed are those who come in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est,'.

History of Salvation

L: Holy God: we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by people he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembrance or Anamnesis

C: **Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.**

Invocation or Epiclesis

P: Great God: give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread, so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

Offering or Oblation

C: **O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The 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 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.**

Institution Narrative

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is for you; do this, remembering me."

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and said: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this, remembering me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Invitation

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come now, the feast is ready.

Communion

[Members of the congregation pass the bread one to another saying “**This is the bread of life.**” And following the bread, members of the congregation pass the cup one to another saying, “**This is the cup of the new covenant.**”]

Thanksgiving after Communion

L: Let us pray.

C: **God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“I Am The Bread Of Life”

Refrain: **And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.**

Charge and Benediction

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

1. Lord, while walk-ing in the way of your laws. We wait

2. for you. You are the de - sire of our hearts.

3.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with a first ending bracket over the final two notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with a first ending bracket over the final two notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Postlude