

SUNDAYS IN LENT

MUSIC NOTES: Our services throughout the season of Lent will feature some different musical elements that reflect the themes of the season. Rather than singing the customary Gloria following the Assurance of Pardon, we sing a hymn of confession ("Forgive Our Sins") which is based on an early American tune (Kentucky Harmony). In place of the middle hymn each week, we will elongate a portion of meditation and singing at the conclusion of the Prayer of Intersession and Thanksgiving. This time of reflection will include a Taizé refrain that will feature a phrase from the Lord's Prayer that is being focused on for that specific Sunday. Our normal doxology (Old Hundredth) is replaced by another Taizé refrain which features Jesus' words from his sermon on the mount, "How blessed are you who are poor; the kingdom of God is yours." Each week, the organ prelude and carillon postlude will feature a different setting of the German chorale, *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, which is the Lutheran musical setting of the Lord's Prayer. Martin Luther created the nine-stanza paraphrase of the text in 1538 and set it to an anonymous tune. Our service will conclude each week with a choral postlude featuring a simple prayer from the Native-American Navajo tradition, "Now I walk in beauty."