

Order of Worship – February 21, 2021 – WOV Setting 4

1st Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Praise Song: O Come, Let Us Adore Him Tune: Canrus Diversi; Text: Adapted

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy;
For He alone is worthy;
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

For Jesus is our Savior;
For Jesus is our Savior;

For Jesus is our Savior,
Christ the Lord.

And Jesus is our brother;
And Jesus is our brother;
And Jesus is our brother,
Christ the Lord.

We kneel in adoration;
We kneel in adoration;
We kneel in adoration,
Christ the Lord.

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Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Stained glass windows
Flow streams of color
From Your Son's love,
Opens my eyes.
Now I lay me before Your altar.
Lord, Your servant am I.

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee,
I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee,
I exalt Thee, O Lord.

Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee,
I exalt Thee, O Lord.
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I exalt Thee, O Lord.

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Prayer

Gathering Song: LBW 99 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and
trust
In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you
prayed
And fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves
That we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ, Let us return to the One who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen

P: Beloved, God's Word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie – With One Voice, Setting 4; page 12

A: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God...” LBW setting 1, page 58

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lessons

Genesis 9: 8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my

bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation: WOV setting 4, page 17

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Gospel according to... **Mark 1:9-15**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: “**Water to Wilderness to Witness**”

Message Hymn: **Thy Holy Wings**

Thy holy wings O Savior,
Spread gently over me
And let me rest securely
Through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
My rock and hiding place,
And let my ev'ry moment
Be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee,
Within thy downy breast
Where I will find sweet comfort
And peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
And keep me safely there,

For I am but a newborn
And need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters
Of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
A heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
Thy children great and small,
And while we sweetly slumber,
Enfold us one and all.

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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

Praise Song: For Those Tears I Died

You said You'd come
To share all my sorrows,
You said You'd be there
For all my tomorrows;
I came so close to sending You away,
But, just like You promised,
You came there to stay.
I just had to pray!

And Jesus said,
"Come to the water,
stand by my side,
I know you are thirsty
you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop
when in darkness You cried,
And I strove to remind you
that for those tears I died."

Your goodness so great
I can't understand,
And, dear Lord, I know
That all this was planned;
I know You're here now
And always will be,
Your love loosed my chains,
And in You I'm free
But Jesus why me?

And Jesus said,
"Come to the water,
stand by my side,
I know you are thirsty
you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop
when in darkness You cried,
And I strove to remind you
that for those tears I died."

Jesus, I give You
My heart and my soul!
I know now without God
I'd never be whole;
Savior, You opened
All the right doors,

And I thank You and praise You
From earth's humble shores
Take me I'm Yours!

And Jesus said,
"Come to the water,
stand by my side,
I know you are thirsty
you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop
when in darkness You cried,
And I strove to remind you
that for those tears I died."

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And I strove to remind you
that for those tears I died."

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Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory – With One Voice, Setting 4, Page 21

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers are concluded with

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song: **His Love Endures Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For he is good,
He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
And out-stretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us.
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
We will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us.
Forever, forever.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us.
Forever, forever.

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Sending

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!