

Order of Worship – February 28, 2021 – WOV Setting 4

2nd Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Let the Walls Fall Down

Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down,
By His love let the walls fall down.

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One by one we're drawn together,
One by one to Jesus' side.
One in Him, we'll live forever,
Strangers He has reconciled.

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By His love let the walls fall down.

In His love no walls between us,
In His love a common ground.
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus,
All our pride comes tumbling down.

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Isn't He

Isn't He beautiful?
Beautiful, oh, isn't He?
Prince of Peace,
Son of God, isn't He?
Isn't He wonderful?
Wonderful, oh, isn't He?
Counselor, Almighty God,
Isn't He? Isn't He?
Isn't He? Isn't He?

Yes, You are, beautiful.
Beautiful, oh, yes, You are.
Prince of Peace,
Son of God, yes, You are,
Yes, You are, wonderful.
Wonderful, oh, yes, You are.
Counselor, Almighty God,
Yes, You are. Yes, You are. Yes, You are.

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Prayer

Gathering Song: WOV 657 The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, through whom all things were
made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds of chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the bridegroom's friend,
became
The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
Return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
And give us joy to see your face.

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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, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 15

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lessons

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I

have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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.

P: The Gospel according to... **Mark 8:31-38**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him

aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message “Take up Your Cross”

Message Hymn: **LBW 334 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, “Be still”

Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me:
“Fear not, I will pilot Thee.”

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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: **He Knows My Name**

I have a maker, He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
my life was in His hand.

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought,
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where
I go.

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought,
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

I have a Savior, He rose from the dead,
And as He welcomes me
I rise to live for him.
He knows my name,

He knows my ev'ry thought,
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

I have His Spirit living within,
To guide and comfort me,
and set my spirit free.

He knows my name,
He knows my ev'ry thought,
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

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He knows my ev'ry thought,
He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.
He hears me when I call.

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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: **WOV 780 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim
way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from
day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to
fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so
near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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Sending

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!