



**First Sunday in Lent
Traditional Service
March 6, 2022**

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Sei Lob und Preis und Ehren" (Praise and glory with honor), from Cantata 167 Johann S. Bach
Elysium String Quartet

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God meets us in the night:

People: Before the sun rises, before the wound heals; before there are answers, before there is closure.

Leader: God meets us in the light:

People: Where joy sparkles, where laughter gleams; where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk.

Leader: God meets us in all those places, and everywhere in between.

People: God is all around, and always with us. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN**

#344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

1 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where Thou hast set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have
trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

2 Give me the heart to hear
Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear
I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the
best.

* Please stand if you are able.

3 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who meets us where we are, there is nowhere we can go that you are not. You were with Jesus in his baptism; you were with him in the wilderness; you were with him in between, always saying, "This is my Beloved." We know you are with us, too; in the good, the bad, and the in-between. But too often we act like we are on our own. Instead of bringing our hurt to you, we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we claim it for ourselves and offer nothing to you. Forgive our self-centered ways, Lord, and remind us that you are with us in every step.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

Joanne Kelhart

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Water for the Wilderness"

The Rev. J.C. Austin

WE RESPOND

*HYMN

#81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.

2 As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin

3 And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the Nicene Creed, ecumenical version)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, 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 at the right hand of the Father. He will 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 worshiped 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory

"Introit and Kyrie", from
Requiem, Op. 48
Chancel Choir and Elysium
String Quartet

Gabriel Faure

Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
in Jerusalem.

To You all flesh shall come.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy

*Doxology

#592 Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

#389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

2 O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Maestoso" from *10 Pieces*
for Organ

Theodore Dubois

Announcements:

- For those in person, please pass the red pew pad and add your name. If you are new to our church, please complete a "Connect Card" available on the table in the Narthex.
- On Wednesday we begin the first of three sessions, "The Lenten Wilderness Series," in person and via Zoom. The sessions will run from 7-8:15 p.m. in classrooms in the Children's Center (enter the building via the Kirk Center doors). Zoom link: bit.ly/3MnQByz

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