



Traditional Service First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Andante Tranquillo from *Seven Sketches for Organ*

Percy Whitlock

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

People: Lent calls us to journey into the wilderness of faith, trusting in God to sustain us.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell all generations the good news.

People: Lent calls us to practice justice, mercy, and love, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

#281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

*Please stand if you are able.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, Jesus braved the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry, facing its dangers and challenges. He was faithful and constant to your purposes, even when tempted to go astray. We confess that we struggle with the wilderness; we crave the comforts and companions that we have, and we are easily tempted to abandon your call in order to keep them close. Forgive us, and help us to know that we do not live by bread alone, but by the power of your love and grace that never fails.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

Jeanne Hunsicker

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Way Will Open: At the Crossroads"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

#80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.

2 We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3 You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Heath Shoemaker, son of Meggie and Kyle Shoemaker

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. Harold W. Friedell

Chancel Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the father
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve thee faithfully.

***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**

***SENDING HYMN**

#399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Postlude in F, Op. 46 No. 2

Alexander Guilmant