

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

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The Gathering of God's People

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Anna Laura Page, 1987

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Grateful to God, we worship. We worship the God of grace.

People: **In God, we are ever thankful; in God we will rejoice!**

Leader: Look to God. Do not be afraid.

People: **Lift up your voices. God is near.**

Leader: Grateful to God, we worship.

People: **We worship the gifts of God this day.**

***Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#643

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (read in unison)**

O God, we confess that we have not always spoken up for justice. We have not stood with the oppressed. We have walked the other way, sometimes

out of fear and sometimes from not knowing what else to do. Rekindle the gifts of your Spirit within us and remind us of our faith, a faith that first lived in our grandparents and our parents, in our Sunday school teachers and our choir directors, in our elders and our ministers. God of grace, forgive us and transform us into whom you would have us to be, so that we would delight in your will and walk in your way. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Amen. God acts with justice and mercy. In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

People: God forgives us, frees us, and gives us peace. To God, we are ever thankful.

***Response Hymn**

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

#654

The Ministry of the Word

Message for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-10

Sermon

“Walking with Gratitude”

The Response to the Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Praise to God”

T. Maldwyn Price, 1860-1933

Praise to God immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days:

Bounteous Source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:

God to thee praises be for the gifts thou gavest free.

Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of whitened grain,

Clouds that drop their fattening dews, suns that temperate warmth diffuse:

God to thee praises be for the gifts thou gavest free.

***Response**

“Doxology”

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pew to the center aisle and return to your pew from the outside aisles. An elder will be available to bring communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten free bread is served on the communion table.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn of Invitation** "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!" #506

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us pray.... For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

People: For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of reconciliation... to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

People: For those with grateful hearts who have shared their faith with us and responded in kindness and service, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of love... thank you for guiding the way for lives filled with gratitude.

People: For people, young and old, who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Creator God.... Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" #804

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response “We Are the Church”**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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Postlude

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

arr. Wilbur Held, 1992

Pastor: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

Organist: Carol Welk

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Liturgist: Pam Dennewitz

Greeters: Dolly McDonley & John Gregory

Ushers: Dot Morlock, Ken Morlock, Ruth Kennedy, Jeffrey Schrock

Acolytes: Devin Griggs & Reese Schrock

Crucifer: Jeffrey Schrock

Flowers: For the Glory of God and in honor of St David's Day, March 1.
Dewi Sant, Patron Saint of Wales.