

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

After Jesus' baptism Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, fasting and praying. Satan tempted Jesus, trying to turn the Savior from their saving work that lay ahead. But each time, Jesus resisted the devil with the Word of God. Our 40 day season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (Sundays are not included in this period, for each Sunday is to be a celebration of Jesus' resurrection), is patterned after Jesus' days in the wilderness. We fast, pray, repent, worship and oppose tempter with the Word.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"The Mountains Shall Sing"

Dale Wood

WELCOME

James Nicholson

*INTROIT #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"(v.1&2)

Gannett, 1884

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in love.

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

Let us worship God. Amen!

*HYMN #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"(v.3&4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Let us confess to Almighty God, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4a

Bibles, p.9/LG. p.12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #165

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

Bell, 1906

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

Bibles, p.88/LG. p.114

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Rev. Nick Setzer

Responding

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION VOLUNTEERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and

Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen.

– from the Brief Statement of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Voluntary on 'St. Cross'"* Healey Willan

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #509 *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* (v.1&2) Dunstan, 1990

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #509 *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* (v.3)

POSTLUDE *"(Little) Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major"* J.S. Bach

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

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This week's prayers and concerns: Judy Andrasko, Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Sally Hosea, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy Ratliff, Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Mon. 03/13	Adopt-A-Block	4:15pm
Wed. 03/16	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm
Thur. 03/16	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Fri. 03/17	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Fellowship	5:00pm
Sun. 03/19	3 rd Sunday of Lent	
Sun. 03/19	McAllen Mission Volunteers Depart	



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