

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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March 17, 2019

May the Spirit in me this day lead me, in some way, to become the reflection of God's goodness, or glory, mercy, or love, that someone else desperately needs to see today.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**

Selected

**WELCOME**

Jimmy Chapman, CLP

**\*INTROIT #12**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (v.1)*

Smith, 1867

**\*OPENING SENTENCES - Responsive**

Liturgist - Claudia Morgan-Gray

God's gifts are as many as the stars,  
*God's grace as endless as the evening sky.*  
Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,  
*the One in whom we place our trust.*

**\*HYMN #12**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (v.2-4)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**CONFESSION**

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us

confess our sin, first in silence, then in unison.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Holy One, Yours is a story of grace and mercy. Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth. Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing. Yours is a love that overflows. Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call. Convict us of our failings. Enlighten us to your truth. Enliven us for your service. Empower us through your forgiveness. Shower us with your grace.*

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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*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.*

*Word*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Bibles,p.11/LG.p.14

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 27

Bibles,p.476/LG.p.619

We proclaim Christ crucified- the wisdom and power of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN #803**

*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

Watts, 1719

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE**

Luke 13:31-35

Bibles, p.72/ LG. p.93

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

*“Faith With Questions”*

Jimmy Chapman, CLP

*Sending*

**DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

**\*HYMN #49**

*“The God of Abraham Praise”*

Dayan, 1404

**\*HYMN #291**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (v.1-3)*

Manley, 1975

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON**

*The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.21)*

*The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.*

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*RESPONSE #291**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (v.4)*

**POSTLUDE**

Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive**

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

*Response*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Selected

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*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 (UNISON)**

Let us dedicate the offering together:

*You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts— and use our lives— to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*