

The Chapel in the Pines

February 22, 2023

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



Chiming of the Trinity

***Silent Processional**

Would you please stand as the Light of Christ enters.

***Call to Worship** Adapted from Isaiah 58:5-6

We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins,
aware of our frailty and our failings.

We come seeking God's mercy, acknowledging our mortality.

Having received the waters of baptism,
we come to be marked now with ashes.

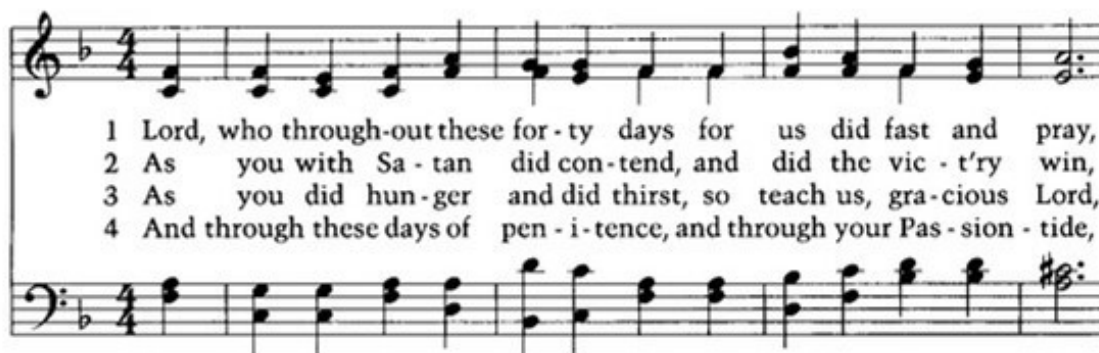
May we humble ourselves before God, not with a yoke of burden,
but, with a mantle of freedom. In Jesus' name....Amen.

***Hymn**

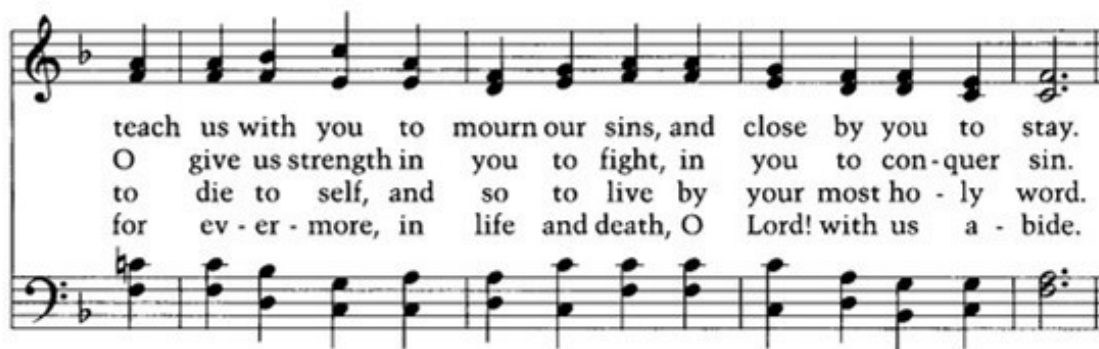
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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic - t'ry win,
3 As you did hun-ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your Pas - sion - tide,



teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.
to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly word.
for ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord! with us a - bide.

5 Abide with us, that through this life
of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy
we may at last attain!

TEXT: Claudia F. Hernaman (1873), alt.
TUNE: Abridged from John Daye's *Psalter* (1562)

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Gathering 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever... Amen.**

Choral Prayer Response #76 O for a Thousand Tongues

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

O God of my salvation my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**



Declaration of Forgiveness

According to God's steadfast love,
according to God's abundant mercy,
God does not pass judgment on us,
not the judgment we deserve.

**God creates in us clean hearts
and gives a new and right spirit.
In the grace of Jesus Christ,
we return to God forgiven.
Praise God for our salvation.**

Choral Prayer Response #76 O for a Thousand Tongues

**He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.**

Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Old Testament Adapted from Joel 2
Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly...

Call to the Offering

Offertory

***Hymn** #76 O for a Thousand Tongues

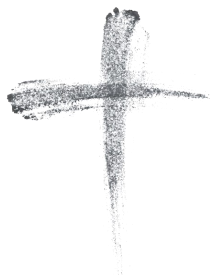
**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim.
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them...

Interlude

Homily Public Assembly or Private Vulnerability?



***Hymn** #177 What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

- 2** When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3** To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great "I Am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4** And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

Lenten Meditation Two Simple Lines

Call to Ashes

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that in due time God may exalt you.

**Let us cast all our cares upon God,
for ashes and dust that we are, God still cares for us.**

In the presence of God I ask you to examine your heart and mind,
and ask yourself anew if you acknowledge your humanness
and repent of your sins with a contrite heart?

I do.

Do you believe that our heavenly Father is willing,
for the sake of Jesus, the Christ, to forgive all your sins?

I do.

Do you resolve to be renewed by the Holy Spirit
and to strive to live a holy life according to the teachings of Jesus?

I do.

The Imposition of Ashes

***Hymn** #201 Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Verses #1 and #4)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** #76 O For a Thousand Tongues

- 1** O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.
- 2** Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 3** He breaks the power of canceled sin,
Hesets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.
- 4** Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
- 5** My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Amen.

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

***Postlude**



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"All go to the same place; all come from
dust, and to dust all return."

-Ecclesiastes 3:20