

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments.
Most merciful God, you alone know our hearts.
Hear us as we come before you in silence.

(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O Love Divine” Irish folk tune; arr. John Hudson

O Love Divine, amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above the Son of God for us to die that we might dwell on high. He died for you, he died for me, and shed his blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns he bore, for us a robe of scorn he wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save. O wanderer, come, on him believe, his grace by faith receive. Awake, arise, and hear his call; the feast is spread for all.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 102:12–22. Old Testament, page 523

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581
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.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:1–8, 32–37 New Testament, page 47
Leader: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
“Staying Awake” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 357 “The Days Are Surely Coming”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) 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.

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Dale Wood

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“A Gaelic Blessing” Roland E. Martin

*Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you, deep peace of Christ to you.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Thanks and praise to you, O God;
by your grace you bring the dead to life.
Let us use the breath you have given us
to speak your truth and sing your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 826 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Marcia Celtica E. H. Thiman

One Great Hour of Sharing

Called to be “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.”

—ISAIAH 58:12

Your gifts to our Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing Offering touch the lives of those in need, respond to injustice, provide shelter, and feed the hungry, both here in our city and around the world.

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Worship Leaders

9:30 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Janet Reed, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Marc Miller, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

9:30 Colleen Mraz and Lucio Bosco

11:00 Cary Donham and Becky Binks

The Music Today

Morning Choir; Drum Circle

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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