

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- I Want Jesus to Walk with Me African American spiritual; arr. Richard Billingham
Forty Days and Forty Nights Kenneth Leighton
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me African American spiritual; arr. Calvin Taylor
Forty Days and Forty Nights Peter Lutkin

Introit :: “Modimo re book wena” Traditional Sotho church hymn
Lord, we thank you; all things are created by you.

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

*Litany for Lent

Leader: *For forty days and nights the rain fell,
and the waters covered the face of the earth.*

People: **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Leader: *For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God’s promise.*

People: **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Leader: *For forty days Moses stayed on the mountain,
learning the commandments of God.*

People: **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Leader: *For forty days Elijah traveled in the wilderness,
listening for the voice of God in the silence.*

People: **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Leader: *For forty days Jesus fasted and prayed,
being led by the Spirit and tested by the devil.*

People: **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

*Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Speak to us in the silence, O Lord, that we might summon the courage
and strength to be reconciled to you and one another . . . (Please hold silence.)*

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “I Will Lift up Mine Eyes” Leo Sowerby

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: *Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!*

People: **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

Leader: *While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.*

People: **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

People: **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Leader: *You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

People: **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

Leader: *Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."*

People: **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.*

*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 #: John 18:1–11. New Testament, page 105

Lenten Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked
"Whom Are You Looking For?" Shannon J. Kershner

[†]Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

Responding to the Word

Silent Reflection

Throughout the season of Lent we are practicing silence as a way to grow closer to God and one another.

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Stephen Sturk

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

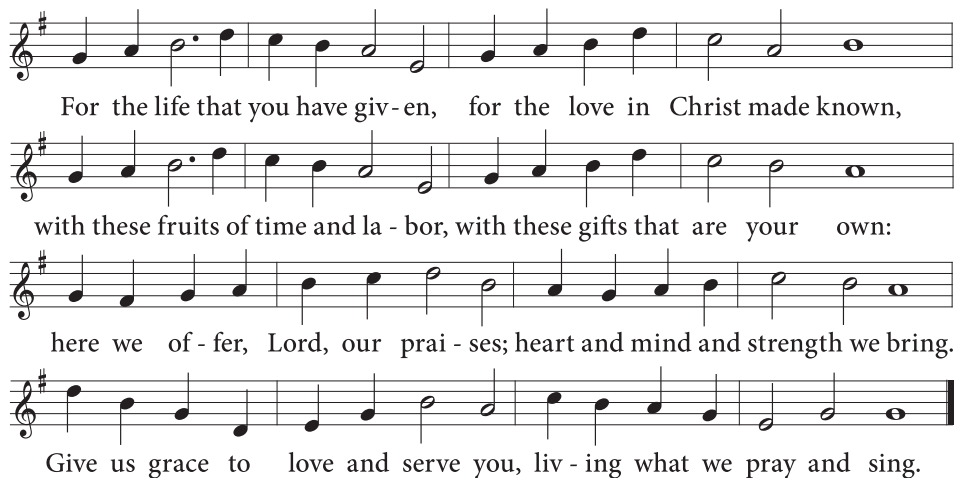
Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Forty Days" Dave Brubeck

*Forty days alone in the desert, days and nights of constant prayer,
seeking in the wailing wind an answer to despair.
Forty days of questioning, why was he there, in the desert, in the lonely desert.
Forty days of fasting and prayer, searching for his destined role,
thirsting after righteousness and nourishing his soul,
seeking inward miracles to reach his goal, in the desert, in the lonely desert.
After forty days in the desert, he and God became as one.
Jesus found within himself the Father's will is done.
He must prove to doubting man, he is the Son of God.*

*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*)

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent,
give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives.
May the act of giving this offering help to open our hearts and minds
to your steadfast presence among us. Help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 718 “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♯ Toccata on “Amazing Grace” J. Christopher Pardini

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross. Throughout Lent our sermons will explore “Questions Jesus Asked.” See www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter for a list of questions and texts.

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Beth Truett (9:30); Michelle Hayes (11:00)

The Music Today

Drum Circle; Morning Choir; Cuban Music Mission Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist; John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Rena Lovato on behalf of Fourth Church Meals Ministry, which is supported by our Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which also benefits Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Shower Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

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.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE evokes the transition from winter to spring, depicted by leaf buds encased in drops of thawing ice, photographed in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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