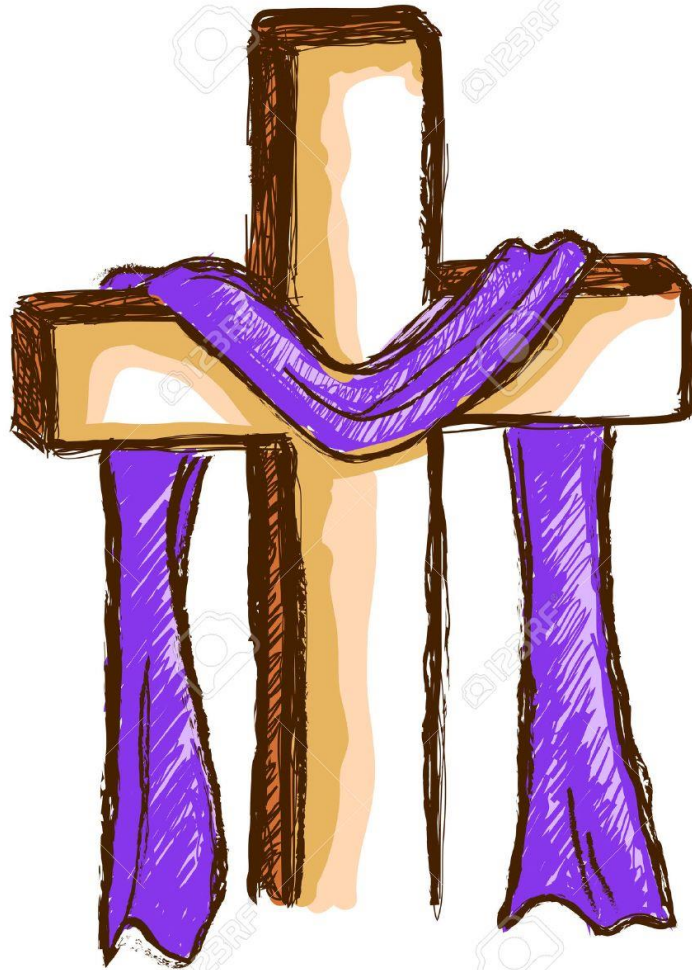


SEASON OF LENT 2021



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SECOND WEEK OF LENT
February 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

P: to herald your love in the morning,

C: **your truth at the close of the day.**

OPENING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know-- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed-- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm 77, various versesRead Responsively

¹ I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

² **In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

³ I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints.

⁴ **You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

⁵ I consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago.

⁶ **I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:**

¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

¹² **I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

¹⁶ **When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸ **The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹ Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;

yet your footprints were unseen. ²⁰ You led your people.

GOSPEL..... Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON

“Fast from Hurting Words”

Vicar Sam Leister

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSORY

P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

SENDING HYMN

“Now the Day Is Over”

Bulletin, pg. 6 (vss. 1-4)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours off night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray.

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 who 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, forever and ever. Amen.

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CLOSING CHIMES

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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WELCOME TO ALL!

WITH CHRIST’S LOVE AND GOD’S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah this evening. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Vicar. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from other churches of our community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests this evening and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

WE THANK all who are participating in the service this evening.

THE OFFERING PLATES are located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

2021 LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE— Vicar Leister will be conducting weekly Lenten services at Messiah this year, with the assistance of Lay Worship Leader Andrea Cameron. The services will be held each Wednesday during Lent starting at 7 p.m. The sermon topics are selected from the document from Pope Francis titled *"Do You Want to Fast this Lent?"*

March 3 - Fast From Anger

March 10 - Fast From Pessimism

March 17 - Fast From Bitterness

March 24 - Fast From Selfishness

As with our Sunday services, masks and social distancing will be required. More information will be forthcoming regarding Holy Week services, so stay tuned!

In Christ There Is No East or West 359

C G7 C F7 Bb F C F Am Dm7 G7 C

1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
2 In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands then, broth - ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G9 C G7 C F C G7 C

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ - ly souls are one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Now the Day Is Over

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A E A F#m C# F#m

1 Now the day is o - ver; Night is draw - ing nigh;
2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry Calm and sweet re - pose;
3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer Watch - ing late in pain;
4 Through the long night - watch - es May your an - gels spread

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols A, E, A, F#m, C#, and F#m are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting at the beginning of the system and the fourth line ending with a long note that spans across the end of the system.

B9 B7 E A E7sus4 E9 A

Shad - ows of the eve - ning Steal a - cross the sky.
With your ten - d'rest bless - ing May our eye - lids close.
Those who plan some e - vil, From their sin re - strain.
Their bright wings a - bove me, Watch - ing round my bed.

The second system of music continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff has the accompaniment. Chord symbols B9, B7, E, A, E7sus4, E9, and A are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting at the beginning of the system and the fourth line ending with a long note that spans across the end of the system.