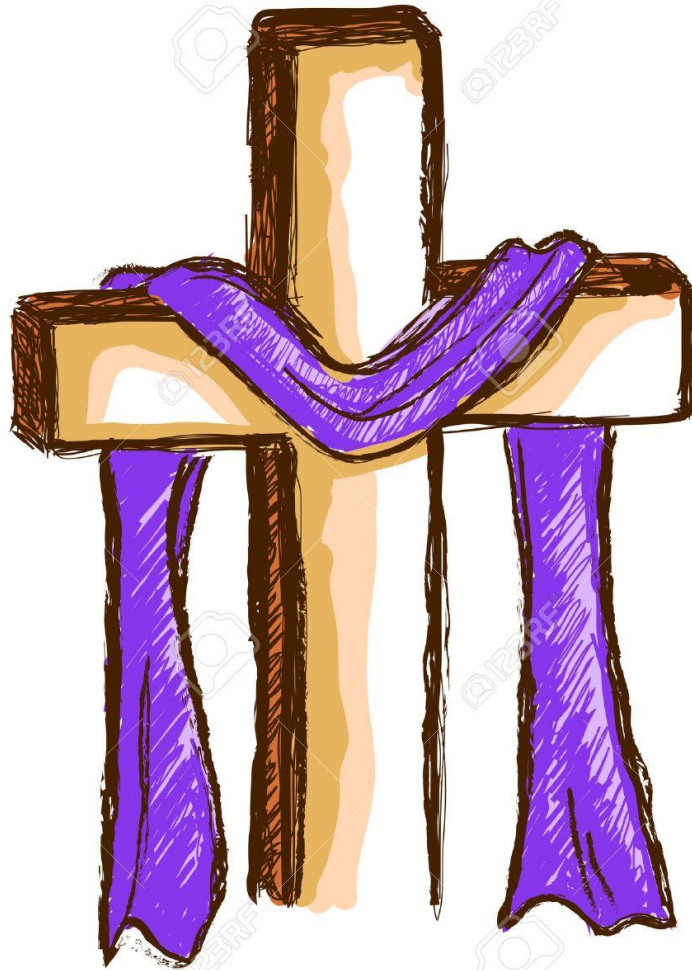


SEASON OF LENT 2021



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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT March 10, 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

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

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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 84 Read Responsively

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

² **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ **As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹² **O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

GOSPEL Mark 11:15-19

¹⁵ Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶ and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?'

But you have made it a den of robbers."

¹⁸ And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

SERMON

"Fast from Pessimism"

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”

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CLOSING PRAYER AND 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 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!

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst
 3 When at last I near the shore, And the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me
 hush the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
 fear - ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; Chart and
 will When thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
 rest, Then, while lean - ing on thy breast, May I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Now the Day Is Over

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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

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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.