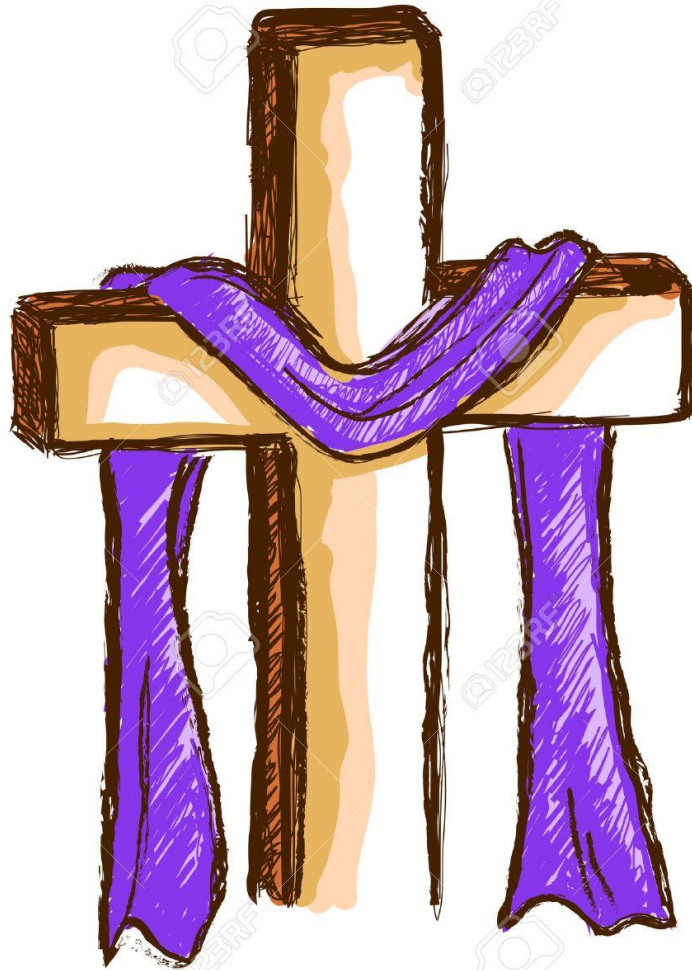


# *SEASON OF LENT 2021*



March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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## THIRD WEEK OF LENT March 3, 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

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

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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 105.....Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

<sup>6</sup> **O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

<sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> **He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup> **which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.**

GOSPEL.....John 12:36-43

<sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. <sup>37</sup>Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. <sup>38</sup>This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

“Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said, <sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

SERMON

“Fast from Anger”

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.**

## 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 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!

TRUST, GUIDANCE

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## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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# 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 the same treble and bass staff layout. The treble staff has the vocal melody and 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.