



Feb. 21, 2021 First Lent of Sunday

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Spiritual Quote of the week “ The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.” -- St. Gregory the Great

Welcome

Prelude *Be Thou But Near - J. S. Bach*
(*Bist du bei mir*)

Muriel Magg - Piano

Chris Russian - Flute

Lighting of the Candles

Lighting of the Community and Christ Candle

For gathering today in this sacred space, we light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

L: To you, O God, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves. O God, we trust unashamedly in you; seeking that you be not of us;

P: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

L: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.

P: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations. For you we wait.

ALL: May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us. Amen.

Choir Introit

Hymn #423 ‘Great is Your Faithfulness’

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness!

Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,

your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

blessings all mine with ten thousand

beside.[Refrain]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Gerry

Sisters and Brothers, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent. These 40 days can help us restore right relationships with God and with others. This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distractions, and re-orient and restore our whole selves. May God be with us.

DAZZLING BOUQUET -Time for Children-
Message - *Rainbows*

*1. Come here, all you six-foot gladiolas.
Come all you purple lilacs shining bright.
Come let us all bloom together in one garden:
A carnival of fragrance and delight. (Refrain)*

*Mine is the church where everybody's welcome.
I know it's true 'cause I got through the door.
We are a dazzling bouquet of every kind of flower.
Jump in the vase, 'cause we've got space for more.*

**UCC / DOC Missionary Partner this week -
Pastor Gerry**

Abigail Fate Mexico



Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Choir ANTHEM *Hosea (Come Back to Me)*

Gregory Norbet, O. S. B.

Based on Hosea 14:1

Weston Priory



Scripture Readings - Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

9:9 *"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,*

9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

9:13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

9:14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

9:15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh;

and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

9:16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

9:17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;[a] with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty

days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news[[b](#)] of God,[[c](#)] 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;[[d](#)] repent, and believe in the good news.”[[e](#)]

Hymn # 23 ‘There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy’

*1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earthly sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failings
have such kindly judgment given.*

*2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,*

*and our lives would show thanksgiving
for the goodness of our God.*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon ‘On The Journey’

Rev. John Hogue

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Interlude

Doxology (Old 100)

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Hymn #38 Favorite Gospel Hymns “Take the Name of Jesus With you”

*1 Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe.
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then where'er you go.*

Refrain:

*Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.*

2. *Take the name of Jesus ever,
as a shield from every snare;
If temptations 'round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)*

3. *O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When his loving arms receive us,
And his songs our tongues employ! (Refrain)*

4. *At the name of Jesus bowing
Falling prostrate at His Feet,
King of Kings in heaven we'll crown him,
When our journey is complete. (Refrain)*

Benediction

Mindful of your mercy, forgiveness, and instruction, O God, we go into the world renewed, refreshed, and full of courage to be your people. We go in peace to work for justice. Amen.

Benediction Response

**May God's Blessings Twine around you,
perfect love, and healing calm;**

**May God's radiance shine upon you; may it
guide you, stay beside you -watch and keep
you, safe from harm. By Paul Burtis**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Announcements:

Each Wednesday during Lent, a puppet Skit will be given by Pastor John who is 'Grandpa' and interacts with his grandson Tommy. This will be live recorded every Wednesday. Topics are Feb. 24 "I'm fed up with washing my Hands"; March 3 'About Turn!"; March 10 'Choose for Eternity'; March 17th 'When Do you See "Red"?- More to come and for Holy Week. Stay tuned.

A Bead and a Prayer

1st meeting- March 3rd at 7pm. We will meet in person to make our prayer beads.

What you will need:

5 large (10-12mm) } Beads
 29 (8-10mm) } Beads
 36 small (6-8mm) Beads

Veronica has some to share!

1 Cross Pendant (Veronica has 10 to share)

2 Crimp tubes (Veronica has 100 to share)

Beading Thread or wire (Veronica has some to share)

Please let Veronica Hogue know if you are planning to attend so she can plan for enough space for everyone (Social distancing, etc)

Thanks! Veronica – teapotlady3@gmail.com