

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. Stainer, Carter

Call to Worship & Cross Processional: "Come Ye Sinners"

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Welcome and Greeting

*Sing: "Thanks to God for All His Goodness" Lift Up Your Hearts #196:1-2

 Give thanks to God for all his goodness: "His love forever is the same."
 Give thanks to God, O holy nation: "His love forever is the same."
 Give thanks to God, O holy priesthood: "His love forever is the same."
 Give thanks to God, all those who fear him: "His love forever is the same." 2. Brought low, I cried to God; he heard me.
He answered me and set me free.
The Lord with me, no one can hurt me.
He is my strength and victory.
Put not your confidence in princes.
When enemies against me came,
God's strength provided my salvation: "His love forever is the same!"

Call to Confession: Psalm 34:11-14

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
¹² Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 34:17-18 & 1 Peter 1:10

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

and

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

* "Marvelous Grace" Lift Up Your Hearts #696:1-3

Song of Dedication: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Casner/Schuitman

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

Oh, let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will; Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; Oh, speak, and make me listen, thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be; And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Dismissal

Prayer for Illumination: "Show Us Christ"

1. Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief Plant Your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit Open up our ears to hear; lead us in Your truth

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Show us Christ, show us Christ O God, reveal Your glory Through the preaching of Your Word Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

2. Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes Guards us through temptations; makes the simple wise Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave Riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today

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Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10	
Message: "The Insiders"	Rev. Laura deJong
Prayers of the People	
*Song of Response: "The Church's One Foundation"	Lift Up Your Hearts 251 vv. 1-3, 5
 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. 	3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued. 	5. Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.
GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE	
*Blessing	
*Sing: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion "	

Postlude: "Behold the Lamb of God"...... Handel/arr Paxton

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