



First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 @ 10:30 am

Liturgist: Sue Farrell

Special Music: The NPC Band

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

Organ Prelude *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* Elizabeth Clephane
I take, O Cross, thy shadow for my abiding place....

Welcome and Announcements

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Kids are an important part of our church family! Each Sunday, the children are welcome to use our Prayground space during worship; parents and grandparents may sit close by.

Kids and families who would prefer to sit together in the pews may pick-up worship materials to use during this time from the worship bag cart or the Prayground space.

***Call to Worship**

One: Draw near to God and God will draw near to us.

All: **When we fast, we free up space to ponder God's goodness.**

One: Let us keep company with Jesus. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Glory to God Hymnal #775

WALK WITH ME

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Opening Prayer

Old Testament Isaiah 58

¹⁻³ “Shout! A full-throated shout! Hold nothing back—a trumpet-blast shout!
Tell my people what’s wrong with their lives, face my family Jacob with their sins!
They’re busy, busy, busy at worship, and love studying all about me.
To all appearances they’re a nation of right-living people— law-abiding, God-honoring.
They ask me, ‘What’s the right thing to do?’ and love having me on their side.
But they also complain,

‘Why do we fast and you don’t look our way?

Why do we humble ourselves and you don’t even notice?’

³⁻⁵ “Well, here’s why:

“The bottom line on your ‘fast days’ is profit. You drive your employees much too hard.
You fast, but at the same time you bicker and fight. You fast, but you swing a mean fist.
The kind of fasting you do won’t get your prayers off the ground.

Do you think this is the kind of fast day I’m after: a day to show off humility?

To put on a pious long face and parade around solemnly in black?

Do you call *that* fasting, a fast day that I, GOD, would like?

⁶⁻⁹ “This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice,
get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.

What I’m interested in seeing you do is:

sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes,
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.

Music Meditation

“*Why, Lord, Why?*”

Rick Gomez/Bob Dylan

Children’s Moment

New Testament Lesson **Matthew 4:1-4; 6:16-18**

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

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

¹⁶ “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Children in the Playground will now return to sit with their families
for communion and the rest of the service.

Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Holy God, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name...

We offer this prayer of thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ who taught the church
how to pray saying:

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.

“Pray for One Another”

Please pray this week for the following members and families:

Melanie Babel; Casey & Christopher Bagby; June Baker; Zack Baker; Kat Ballou, Moira; Christopher Barker & Gail Ottinger; Sarah & Wil Bayer, Liam, Jacob; Laurie & Greg Beck; Sarah & Doug Belknap, Huck, Lachlan; Chuck & Melinda Belock, Jessie.

Offering

Let us pray.

(In unison)

These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ. Let us go forward, offering all we are, knowing we do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit sustains us. Amen.

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***Closing Hymn**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Glory to God Hymnal #166

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Claudia Hermanan

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