

**The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent Sunday**

Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude on *St. Flavian* Thomas Canning
Melody for hymn "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Prayer

We come before you, Lord, in the heart of sanctuary, in the home of your loving care. The winter has been long. Some days seem too dark, and the shadows lengthen. In the wildernesses we find ourselves in, be with us, Lord. In this hour of worship, open us to your grace, mercy, and joy.

Hymn "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"
Ryan Norris, cantor

Call to Confession

To find ourselves with Christ, we abandon the illusion that we are self-contained.
To find ourselves with Christ, we set aside our resentments and our selfish ways.
To find ourselves with Christ, we recognize how we have separated ourselves from Truth. Let us confess our sins together and then silently from our hearts.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful Savior, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. It is difficult to find anything good in ourselves. O Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on me, a sinner. O Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on me. O Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(personal prayer continues in silence)

Assurance of God's Grace

People of God, hear this good news.

God's covenant with us is true.

God is faithful even when we fail.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are blessed with the gift of forgiveness to accept graciously and to share righteously.

We are set free to live freely in the Love and Light of Christ.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Please share that peace with the people around you, or wish your neighbors peace in the comment section.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Children's Message

Suzie Lane

Prayer for Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, pour into our hearts the rays of your Light.
God of the living, speak to us through the clouds, remain with us and in your Word, give us hope.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Amy Harkness

Hymn

"Your Only Son"

Twila Paris

Brandon Bell, bass; Dave Coleman, guitar; Ryan Norris, tenor

Prayer of Intercession, Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Restore in Us, O God"

Ryan Norris, cantor

Charge and Benediction

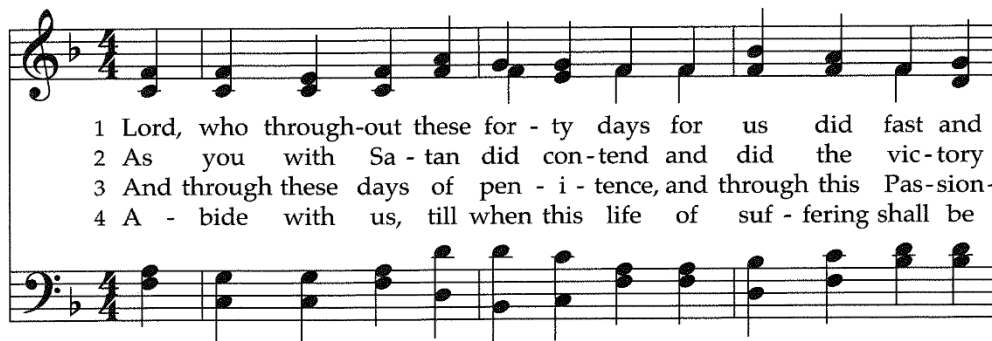
Closing Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Christe, du Lamm Gottes*, BWV 619

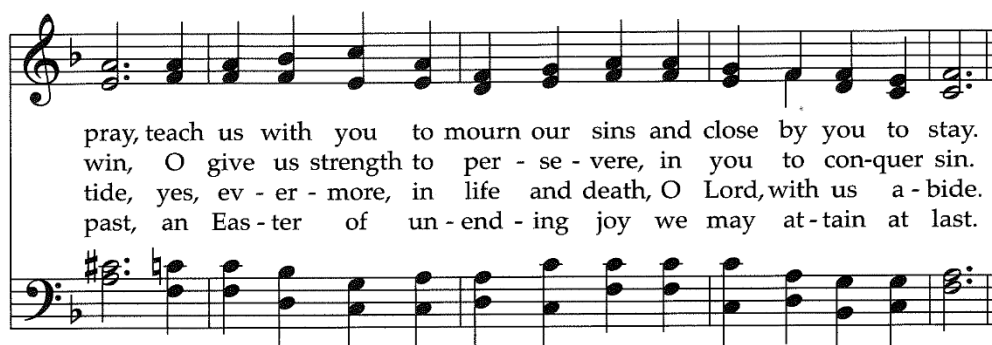
J.S. Bach

Translation: Christ, You Lamb of God

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
 MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

ST. FLAVIAN
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Restore in Us, O God

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Capo 1: (Em) (Bm7) (Em)(Bm7) (Em) (C) (Bm)
 Fm Cm7 Fm Cm7 Fm D^b Cm



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,

(Am7) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
 B^bm7 Fm B^bm Cm Fm Cm7 Fm



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flower.
 bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

This text reflects the historic understanding of Lent as a time to prepare catechumens for Baptism and penitents for reconciliation at the Easter Vigil. The first three stanzas address one of the three divine Persons, while the fourth stanza implores the help of the full Trinity.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1985
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