

The Season of Lent



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Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #482 Lord of All Hopefulness



Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er
Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were
Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to
Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con -



child-like, no cares could des - troy, be there at our wak - ing, and give us we
skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we
wel - come, your arms to em - brace, be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we
- tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we



pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Celebrant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy:

People: So let us return again to you, O God.

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Celebrant continues:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Holy God - Trisagion

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982,
after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 130:1-2, 5-8

Out of the depths have I called to you; O God; hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you, more than those who watch for the morning, *

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with our God there is mercy;

With you, O God, there is great power to redeem, *

and you will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says

the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Nicene Creed



We be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be-lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan.
suff - ered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and



frame, vir - gin-born, the child of Ma - ry up-on whom the Spir - it came.
reign, to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
friend, we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

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The Prayers of the People

We turn to you, O God, ever confident of your enduring presence in our lives, even in the midst of fear and isolation, disease and death, with these our prayers of intercession, praise and thanksgiving, confident that you are with us and that you will hear our pleas.

We respond: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those in positions of authority in the church and our society
We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the welfare of our community, our families and friends:
We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the most vulnerable in our midst, especially for:
We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray in thanksgiving for one another, and for all of those who reach out to us and to others in need..... We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for healing in mind, body and spirit:
We pray this day: **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Throughout all the times and seasons of our lives, and especially now in this season of wilderness and exile, we know that we are on a journey without knowing where it will lead. And we know, O Lord, that you call us to move from fear to security, from sickness to well-being, from helplessness to confidence, and that you are with us for every step of that journey. In every new day, in every piece of distressing news, in every act of kindness, in every small joy, you are with us. Help us live this day in hope with the knowledge that we will in time arrive with you at the Resurrection, ready to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life, and from despair to peace, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Choir Anthem: A New Heart composed by Melissa Dunphy

Text from Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit within you.
I will take away your heart of stone.
I will give you a heart of flesh.

Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

Holy One, help us to remember past celebrations of the sacrament of bread and wine, your presence in our community. We pray that you would continually refresh and renew in us the feelings and desires that make this experience a sacred and abiding one, even as we aren't able to share it together in this time.

Instrumental Meditation

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

The 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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS 189 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no shad-dow of
Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to
turn-ing with thee, Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not
cours-es a bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,
cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,
As thou has been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
To thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have
need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God