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"On the Way to the Cross"

10:30 am Worship

March 6, 2022
The First Sunday in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.
Together, let us pray to Christ our Lord, who intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father:

\[ \text{Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,} \]

1. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader:  In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader:  Holy One,
Community:  we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.

Leader:  Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In Jesus’ name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Community:  Amen.
Hymn of Praise  "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will re-
El Se-nyor és la meva for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near. In the por. En ell con-fi-o i no tengo por. El Se-

C  Bb  A  Dm  C  F  Bb  Dm  C  F  A  Am  Dm  Bb  C  F  Last time  Dm  C
Greetings
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Community: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
Leader: Let us pray. O Lord God,
Community: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11
The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

1When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.
Psalm 91:  
“Be With Me”

Refrain

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

Verses

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High,
   who abide in the shadow of our God,
   say to the Lord: “My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust.”

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
   for the angels stand close by your side,
   guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life.

3. Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God’s love,
   lifted high, those who trust in God’s name,
   call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.
   God will bring you salvation and joy.

Second Reading  Romans 10:8b-13
Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

8b The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
Gospel Verse

“Bless The Lord”

Refrain:

\begin{align*}
\text{Bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name.} \\
\text{Bless the Lord my soul, He rescues me from death.}
\end{align*}

Cantor: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
Gospel Reading  

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness. 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ 11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Community: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
Shera Neshelm
Hymn of the Day

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Jesus to walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

all along my pilgrim journey,
when my heart is almost breaking,
when my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
Prayers Around the Cross
Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer
Community: After each petition the cantor and the community will sing the response:

When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my pray'ring.

Lord hear my pray'ring, Come and listen to me.

Peace
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
Community: And also with you.
Offering

At this time we will now receive our offering and share with joy, as God abundantly shares with us. Your offering can be placed in the basket as they are passed around or you can now easily text your gift. The gifts of the assembly are gathered for the sake of all in need as we offer those in need strength for the journey.

You are now able to text your gift to Christus Rex! Text the amount you would like to give to (701) 599-4443, then press send. Follow the directions on your phone to complete your donation. This amount will be sent directly to our Christus Rex account.

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory  "Ub Caritas"

\[F\quad C\quad Dm\quad Eb\quad D\quad G\quad C\]

\[Ub\quad caritas\quad et\quad a\quad mor,
Live\quad in\quad charity\quad and\quad steadfast\quad love,\]

\[Ub\quad caritas\quad Deus\quad ibi\quad est.
Live\quad in\quad charity\quad God\quad will\quad dwell\quad with\quad you.\]
Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. Extravagant God,
Community: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Community: Our Father, who are 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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

All are welcome at communion.
Non-alcoholic wine is available on the trays in filled chalices.
Distribution will be done in a continuous fashion around the table.
Gluten-free bread is available from the server.

Table Blessing

Leader: You have received food and drink for the journey in the name of the
Community: Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Community: Amen.
Post Communion Hymn

"Eat This Bread"

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Post Communion Prayer

Leader: Blessed Jesus,
Community: in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Leader: You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty
bless you this day and always.

Community: Amen.
Closing Hymn  "Beyond the Days"

Refrain

Beyond the days of hope and mystery we
see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing
we thirst for guidance to walk with you day by day.

Final

Verse 1:
1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
   May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.

Verse 2:
2. Not on bread alone are we, to walk on this journey.
   Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

Verse 3:
3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.
   Keep us safe in your care; may your gentleness be there.

Verse 4:
4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day.
   Be the vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.
Dismissal
Leader: Go in peace. Remember the poor. Serve the Lord.
Community: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Campus Minister: Shera Nesheim
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Music Coordinator: Delphine Lamoine
Keyboard: Yen Lee Loh
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Choir Director: Ryan King
Deacon: Andrew Trotter
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Thank you to the musicians who have joined us in worship today.

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