

So make us know the
shortness of our life,
that we may gain
wisdom of heart...
Fill us at daybreak with
Your goodness, that we
may be glad all our days...
May the sweetness
of the Lord be upon us;
may He prosper the work
of our hands...



Sunday, March 7, 2021

Sunday
Virtual Worship

SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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Third Sunday in Lent

GREETING and WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE *“Wondrous Love”* (from “Southern Harmony”) arr. Todd Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

Let us worship God!

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 210 *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* (vs. 1 & 5)

PRAYER of CONFESSION:

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SONG DURING CONFESSION *“Lord Have Mercy upon Us”*

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! We have been crucified with Christ! We no longer live, but it is Christ who lives in us. And the life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit into a new way of living in Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90

SERMON

“A Lament for God’s Favor” The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston

Series: Lament Psalms for Lent

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING STATEMENT

CELEBRATION of COMMUNION

INVITATION to the TABLE & INSTRUCTIONS for VIRTUAL COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER of 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 to give God thanks and praise.**

As the prayer concludes, let us all join:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

BREAKING the BREAD – LIFTING the CUP

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

PRAYER of COMMITMENT

HYMN 502 *“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”*

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

Go in peace.

POSTLUDE

“Chorale: Out of the Depths, I Cry to Thee” Felix Mendelssohn

Psalm 90

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
³ You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
⁷ For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
¹² So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted
us, and as many years as we have seen evil.
¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Like the ocean waves that never
cease, let us remember your great
love -- extended to us throughout
our life.

Psalm 90

