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PRELUDE

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich
(Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to thee)
C.P.E. Bach
Sam Parnin, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski



INTROIT

Just as I Am (331, verses 1 and 2)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

* OPENING HYMN 324

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Aylin Garcia, Reader

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We bring our burdens and our sins to You, O Christ, who bears the heavy load for us.
We place upon You our excuses, our shortcomings, our anger, and our desire,
knowing that You can remove these sins from us and restore us to life.**

**We confess that we have gone astray.
We confess that we have not loved You fully
and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We confess that we have not fully loved even ourselves.**

**Forgive us of our sins.
Help us to turn back to You.
Restore what has been broken,
transform what has been twisted,
find what has been lost,
so we may be the living, loving image of You in creation.
In Your precious name we pray. Amen.**

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

CHORAL ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Carl F. Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

MEDITATION

Libby Piotrowski

Person #1: Please forgive me for any way I have offended you in the past year.

Person #2: God forgives, and I forgive. And please forgive me also.

Person #1: God forgives, and I forgive.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Be Unto Your Name
Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo
1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)
Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl,
Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table as you are ready.

Ashes may be received after you have received communion.

The Great Thanksgiving (Insert)

Communion Music

Eat This Bread (554)

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (365)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* DEPARTING HYMN 214

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

All sing verses 1, 3, and 5; Women sing verse 2; Men sing verse 4

* UNISON BENEDICTION

**Created from dust, held together by God's extravagant love,
we turn away from sin, and leave tonight embracing God's love.**

POSTLUDE

Choral Dorian
Jehan Alain

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



AN INVITATION

In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship services at 10:30, we will gather for a series of contemplative Lenten worship services each Sunday in Lent beginning at 6 pm. The 45-minute services will take place in the south chapel and will be held on the following dates:

*March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 2025.
Join us for a time of quiet prayer, music, singing, and communion.*

324 Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

1 Come, O sin - ners, poor and need - y, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
 2 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 3 Lo! th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it of his blood;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of par - d'ning love for all.
 all that he re - quires of sin - ners is to turn and trust in him.
 ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly let no oth - er trust in - trude:

He is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is will - ing, doubt no more;
 He will save you, he will save you, 'tis the Gos - pel's con - stant theme.
 none but Je - sus, none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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Be Unto Your Name

Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler



We are a mo - ment.
We are the bro - ken.

You are for - e - ver.
You are the heal - er.



Lord of the a - ges,
Je - sus, re - deem - er,

God be - fore time.
migh - ty to save.



We are a va - por.
You are the love song

You are e - ter - nal.
we'll sing for - e - ver.



Love e - ver - last - ing,
Bow - ing be - fore You,

reign - ing on high.
bless - ing Your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - migh - ty.

Wor - thy is the



lamb who was slain.

High - est prais - es, ho - nor, and glo - ry



be un - to Your name.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You are our God, and we are the creatures of your hand.

You made us from the dust of the earth, breathed into us the breath of life,
and set us in your world to love and serve you.

When we rejected your love and ignored your wisdom, you did not reject us.

You loved us still and called us to turn again to you in obedience and in love.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus among us
to set us free from the tyranny of evil.

He lived as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows.

**By his dying and rising, he releases us from bondage to sin
and frees us from the dominion of death.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,
pour out your holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in your name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit
to live as the Lord requires:
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you, our God.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ
until this mortal life is ended
and all that is earthly returns to dust.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,
we will feast with you at your table in glory.**

Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever.

Amen.

214 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, for us did
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the
 3 As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your
 5 A - bide with us and through this life our doubts and

fast and pray, teach us to o - ver - come our
 vic - t'ry win, oh, give us strength in you to
 gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and so to
 Pas - sion - tide, for ev - er - more, in life and
 pain re - lieve. An Eas - ter of un - end - ing

sins, and close by you to stay.
 fight, in you to con - quer sin.
 live by your most ho - ly Word.
 death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 joy we shall at last re - ceive. A - men.

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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