

A HOLY LENT

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 26, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Passion Chorale*
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Rebecca Groom te Velde
Jeremy Young

WELCOME

CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness. (*1 Peter 2:24*)

CHORAL INTROIT

Kyrie

Richard Shepard

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Above the staff are two dashes. The lyrics are: (Choir) Ky-ri-e e - lei-son (ALL) Ky-ri-e e - lei-son (Choir) Chris-te-e - . The second staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Above the staff are three dashes. The lyrics are: (ALL) lei-son (Choir) Chris - te - e - lei-son (ALL) Ky - ri-e e - lei - son Ky - ri-e e - lei - son .

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

***HYMN #214: Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:17 (Old Testament pages 72-3)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #798, Psalm 32

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19 (New Testament page 156)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament page 3)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #202: Once When Jesus Christ Was Hungry**

SERMON: Rev. Todd Johnson

...and to respond with our lives...

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

The Breastplate of St. Patrick
(adapted and extracted)

Paul A. Tate

Refrain



Be strong in the Lord and put on the armor of
God. Stand firm in the truth; hold
fast to the shield of your faith.
For Christ is before us, below and a -
bove, to guide and pro - tect, to for - give and to
love, so be strong in the Lord.

Verse



Be strong in the Lord. Be
strong in the Lord. Stand firm in the
truth with Christ, our hope and our light.

D.C.

Be Strong in the Lord

REFRAIN is sung by the congregation six times.

VERSES are sung by the choir.

1. Shelter the homeless. Give food to the hungry
2. Lift up the lowly. Be hope for the hopeless.
3. Gather the lost ones. Be light in the darkness.
4. Reverence the old ones. Empower the young ones.
5. Comfort the dying. Reach out to the lonely.
6. Pray for the grieving. Forgive those who hurt you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Lenten Prayer

Hal H. Hopson

O only hope of all below, you did the full reward bestow.

1. If you will not, who shall condone?
You can cleanse us, you alone.

2. Grant that we may pray a right.
Purify us in your sight.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Amen.

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN** #408: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***BENEDICTION**

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*



TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by **Elaine and Jim Johnson** in memory of **Bonita Blake**, and in remembrance of her birthday.

GREETERS: Leach family

READERS: Colin and Sarah Quackenbush

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Corbin Sheffels

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Cheryl and Tom Knudsen

ACOLYTES: Jonah and Catelyn

LIVESTREAM: Catelyn Anderson



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