

A HOLY LENT

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 25, 2024



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

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Herzliebster Jesu*

~ Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips are slow to name, what breaks our hearts to recall,
and what has become for us a burden of guilt.
Set us free from the past we cannot change;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
into your likeness and image;
with the conviction of your Spirit,
through the intercession of your Christ,
and for your sake, we pray. 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*)

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie Eleison*)

Thomas Pavlechko

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The first staff contains three phrases: '(Choir) Lord, have__merc - y.', '(Congregation) Lord, have__merc -- y.', and '(Choir) Christ, have__merc - y.'. The second staff contains three phrases: '(Congregation) Christ, have__merc -- y.', '(Choir) Lord, have merc - y.', and '(Congregation) Lord, have mer -- cy.'. The notation uses a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

*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 #500: *Now before You, Lord, We Gather*

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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (*Old Testament page 13*)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 22: 23-31 **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25 (*New Testament page 155*)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38 (*New Testament page 44*)
The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Lenten Song*

~ David Peninger

*Alas, and did my Savior bleed, And did my sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?*

*Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned there on the cruel tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for all the creature's sin.*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love to Him I owe,
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis All that I can.*

SERMON: Rev. Todd Johnson

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

***HYMN #414:** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #77:** *God of Our Life*

***BENEDICTION**

(There will be no Postlude during Lent. Depart in peace.)

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

Welcome!

GREETER: Claire Scranton

READERS: Jane and Dawn Leach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deann Puffert

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Sara and Ryan Davis

LIVESTREAM: Axel Nelson

