

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence,
despite perhaps never having worshiped this way before.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntaries

Dr. Robert Gallagher

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

As We Your People Gather

AURELIA

As we your people gather
with wearied hearts, O Lord,
Let prayers be now uplifted
for peace to be restored.
May healing and repentance
in every land be known,
As sword is turned to plowshare
and seeds of trust are sown.

The cries of desperation,
the orphan in distress,
Instill in us a longing
that words cannot express.
Yet, as the Spirit's presence
within each heart is stirred,
We find new strength and courage
in God's unfailing Word.

The prophet voices call us
to seek that promised day
When hatred and oppression
at last are swept away.
No darkness will surround us;
in light we dwell secure.
God's purpose is accomplished
when peace and love endure.

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Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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 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. Amen.**

Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Attr. Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-5,8

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

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The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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Anthem

Cast thy Burden upon the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance,
now and always;
Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Voluntary

We give thanks to singers Christopher Ahart, Cassie Cipolla, Miles Clikeman, Michelle Harman-Gulick, Victoria Jackson, Seth Roberts, Zachary Short, and Gray Snowden.

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Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-5, 8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.