

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - 10:00am

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WELCOME! The days of Advent led us to our Christmas celebration and the Epiphany. These days of Epiphany revealed the Christ to us in many ways and has led us to this day – a day of Transfiguration and the day when we begin the transition to the season of Lent. Liturgically, it is a transition from being observers to participants on a faith journey. In this time of transition, let us turn our hearts toward God who calms our fears, shines light into our dark places, restores our hope and brings us peace.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

You made each one of us with purpose and precision, Holy Creator, and then you sacrificed yourself for all of us. We trust your omnipotence and ask you to help us accept and not judge your children who do not look, think, or speak like we do. Amen.

PRELUDE

HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” MBW #341

- 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our sins,
And close by You to stay.**
- 3 As You did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and only live
By Your most holy word.**
- 5 Abide with us that, when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!**

We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!

(Kneeling or sitting)

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risks of discipleship.

Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.

TUNE: ANONYMOUS

TUNE: Mel. Anon. Harm. Susan H. Bates

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me;
cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of salvation;
anoint me with your Spirit free.
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.

(Standing)

TUNE: APPALACHIA

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**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And let us be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, therefore, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Lord, listen to Your children praying.
Lord, send Your Spirit to this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

SERMON

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord MBW #825

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN: "As I Went Down In the River To Pray"

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way.**

**O Sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O Sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way.**

**O Brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
Come on Brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way.**

**O Fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O Fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way.
O Mothers, let's go down, let's go down,
 don't you want to go down
O Mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way.
O Sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O Sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' 'bout that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Lent