

# Lent Lent

N CHURCH

10:00am

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As we begin a spiritual journey through this season of Lent, it is a journey for the soul that will take us through the Wilderness of Temptation to the fellowship of the Last Supper, to the agony of the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. So, let us turn our hearts toward God who can calm our storms, restore our hope, and guide us on our journey.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**

*Dear Jesus, may we always proclaim you as Lord to all the earth. Because of your sacrifice on the cross, we are made victorious. Christ and him crucified remain our confession of faith. Amen.*

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God whom we worship calls us to discipleship:

**To follow where Christ leads;**

and obey what Christ commands;

**To follow when it is not easy;**

To follow when others think us foolish;

**To follow where justice leads;**

To follow where love guides us;

**To follow even when it leads to the cross.**

Come let us worship the living God,

**Who loves us and leads us and promises  
to never let us go!**

All creation proclaims God's glory and handiwork.

**So let us lend our voices and spirits to the  
praise of God.**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts

**Be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and  
our redeemer.**

HYMN            "Take Time To Be Holy"            Red Hymnal #378

1.            **Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are  
weak,**

**Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.**

2.            **Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.**

3.            **Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.**

## A LITANY

We come again to worship, and to continue our Lenten journey.

**We come to reflect again on Jesus' journey to the cross,  
and beyond that, to the resurrection.**

Lent provides us with a time to remember and reflect on the  
wonders of God's promises,

**We remember Jesus, who lived, died and rose again.**

We remember God's presence in times of temptation.

**We remember God's promises and covenants.**

We remember God's healing love.

**We remember God's forgiveness.**

Into our comfortable ways, O God,

**breathe vigorous reflection.**

Into our ordered ways,

**breathe lively innovation.**

Into our worldly ways,

**breathe hints of holiness,**

Into our self-seeking ways,

**breathe the notion of sacrifice, that we may walk the  
Lenten walk with Jesus, calmly, purposefully,  
and without fear.**

In our worship, O God, draw us close to You and let us glimpse  
You at work, not only here in this house, but in the world, as you  
bring hope and life to all Your children. Hear us, as we pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous One, how we need to know Your forgiveness!  
Our lives fall short of Your will for us. We transgress  
Your holy law, or fulfill its letter but violate its spirit of  
divine love. Our sin skews our lives out of balance,  
distorting our values, perverting our justice, and  
deceiving us with lies dressed up as truth. We need your  
Mercy and Your power.**

**Cleanse our hearts of every fault, and refresh us by  
your Holy Spirit, that our lives may please you with true  
obedience and loving service. Amen.**

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**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 your salvation**

**Anoint me with your Spirit free.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

#### READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

**Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-1-17**

**New Testament: I Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Gospel: John 2:13-22**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON           **“Cleansing Winds”**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response:           Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS  
OFFERTORY INVITATION

HYMN: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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**1           Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**3           Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

\*BENEDICTION

**Gentle Jesus, hear our prayer.  
Keep us in your loving care,  
And when evening shadows fall,  
Casting darkness over all,  
Loving Jesus, then be near,  
For with you, I have no fear.**

POSTLUDE