

Lent Lent

N CHURCH

10:00am

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As we continue our 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:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

“Compassionate Lord, every time we cry out to you, you are there to save us from trouble. Every time we knock, you open the door to us. Thank you for always being there for us. Amen.”

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.

HYMN “Jesus’ Love Unbounded”

MBW Hymn 770

- 1. Jesus’ love unbounded, none can e’er explain
yet we, his disciples, often cause him pain;
Even they forget him who have seen his face;
even they still grieve him,
Who enjoy his grace.**

- 3. All our days, O Jesus, hallow unto you;
may our lives be given in your service true;
Let us all experience, to the end of days,**

your abiding presence and your loving grace.

From: General Liturgy 5 – Grace

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

SOUTHAMPTON (14 F)

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**Lord God, with shame I now confess
I've turned away from you;
Forgive me all my sin today,
My heart and soul renew.**

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, yet by

no means clearing the unrepentant; incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

Clean Heart

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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 salvation;
Anoint me with your Spirit free.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.

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**Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
May your presence, may your presence,
With us evermore be found. Amen.**

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

New Testament: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON “The Domino Effect”

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord MBW #825

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

HYMN: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” MBW #603

**1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve You to the end;
Be now and ever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If You are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If You will be my guide.**

**3 O let me hear You speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
O guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow You
That where You are in glory
your servants shall be, too.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve You to the end:**

**To serve you to the end,
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE