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PRELUDE

"Lament"

GSLC Ringers

-Arranged by Jason W. Krug

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-Accompanied by Thomas Eisnor

INVITATION TO LENT

- P** Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by affirming our baptisms and acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to continue in the covenant God made with us in holy baptism. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent--self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love--strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

- P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in me the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm my faith, guide my life, empower me in my serving, give me patience in suffering, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Thomas Eisnor

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Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Tammy Frink

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1-17 (*Read responsively between leader and congregation*)

Cat Ontiveros

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| L Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. | C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. |
| C Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. | L Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. |
| L For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. | C Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. |
| C Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. | L Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you. |
| L Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. | C Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. |
| C Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. | L O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. |
| L Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. | C For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering. |
| C Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. | L The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. |
| L Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. | |

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Donna Garges

At the conclusion of the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"As If"

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF DAY

"You Are My Vision"

Tim Ferg, Gary Griffith,
Pam Weinelt

*Words by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, and Rend Collective . Music: Ancient Irish melody arr. by Rend Collective Experiment
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Sit or kneel.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **have mercy on us.**

P For seeking security in possessions and the place of power in relationships,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For trusting ourselves most of all,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for failing to live with humility,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For the injustices that we allow to continue in our homes, community, state, nation, and world,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For indifference to the poor and our exploitation of our neighbors,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For our inability to love our enemies,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For turning away from you and from our neighbors,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For turning in towards ourselves,

C **holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Those desiring the imposition may mark the forehead of oneself or another with a cross of ashes, saying:

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

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After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit and the minister continues:

- P** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
- C** **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
- P** By the cross and passion of your son, our Savior,
- C** **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**
- P** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, "Lord in your mercy" worshippers respond with the words, "Hear our prayer.")

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **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 and ever. Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

- P** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"40 Days"

Pam Weinelt

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Throughout These Forty Days"

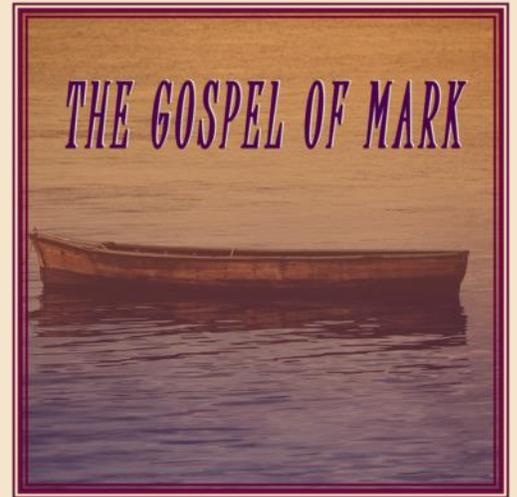
Gary Griffith

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Arranged and recorded by Gary Griffith using electronic synthesizers

LENT 2021

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

2021, liturgically, is the year of Mark's gospel. It's the shortest of the Gospels and the Wednesdays of Lent give us an opportunity to read it in its entirety. Our WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES will be via ZOOM in real time at 7pm weekly. For those unable to attend at that time, we will record the services and make them available.



MAUNDY THURSDAY (APR 1) and GOOD FRIDAY (APR 2) services will be pre-recorded. On Maundy Thursday, however, we will again offer outdoor communion from 4-7pm.

SUNDAYS OF LENT will continue to have pre-recorded services and outdoor communion as is our current practice.

Plans for EASTER WORSHIP are still under consideration.



Lenten Materials Available

We have "Family Lenten Packets" available for all those **families with children** birth through 12th grade. In order to use our resources wisely please let Cat know if your family would like a packet. Each packet like those before will be tailored to your family unit with activities for all ages. Use this link to [sign-up](#) to receive a packet, or please call and/or text Cat to be added to the list.

For those **families without school-age children**, we have a Lenten Devotional and Action Calendar available for pick up on the front porch. They are located with the "Christ In Our Home" booklets.

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Paul W. Baumgartner, Pastor
Thomas Eisnor, Organist/Choir Director Pam Weinelt, Praise Service Coordinator

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

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