



***Ebensburg Presbyterian***  
***March 6, 2022***  
***First Sunday of Lent***

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## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
**will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

Sing the praises of the Lord,  
you his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.

**We are the people God has delivered,  
We rejoice in the hope of our faith;  
For the Lord is good and  
His love endures forever.**

\*HYMN #476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

CTW 551-2022

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness,  
times marked by guilt, frustration,  
and the sense that we are not in the right place.  
But even in the wilderness, God is with us.  
Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

**As Lent unfolds before us, great God,  
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.  
The road is long, our sins are many,  
and our burdens are heavy.  
We can't imagine new life, Easter life,**

**because our current lives are filled  
with bad choices and failed efforts.  
Meet us in our weakness.  
Take up our sins.  
Ease our burdens.  
Carry us on the way.  
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.  
Show us a love that is stronger than death,  
a love no tomb can hold. Amen [*silent confession*]**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)**

Walking this earth,  
facing temptation,  
defeating sin,  
Jesus has done for us  
what we could never do for ourselves.  
This is good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed and sent!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**

**O Lord of light and salvation,  
let these words of Scripture  
live not only in our mouths,  
but in our hearts,  
that we will embody your truth  
and confess with our lives  
that Jesus is Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE:

FIRST READING: Romans 10:8–13 Pg. 921

SECOND READING: Luke 4:1–13 Pg. 835

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

SERMON: Jesus' Journey to Calvary

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The fast that you desire is righteousness and justice, compassion, and peace:

to feed the hungry, help the poor, welcome the stranger, and set captives free.

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Jesus teaches sincerity of faith, and purity of heart in prayer and action—

not to make a spectacle of worship or charity, but to seek the inner gifts of grace;

not to store up treasures on earth, but to trust the heavenly treasure of your love.

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude

as we share this joyful feast.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Keep us faithful through hardship and suffering, hunger and sleep-less nights. Grant us purity, patience, kindness, holiness, truthful speech, and genuine love, so that we may be reconciled to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
as we pray in unison  
the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for-ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE COMMUNION BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Giving God,  
living Lord,  
you have fed us with your body.  
You have poured out your life  
that we might live.  
We thank you,  
for we have tasted  
your goodness in this meal.  
Fed, we are strengthened;  
filled, we are renewed  
to share the abundance of your love  
with a hungry world. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION (*responsively*)

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Put away the past.

God is about to do a new thing!

God makes a way where there is no way!

God carves a path through the wilderness

and sends angels to guard and guide us. **Amen.**

Having been reconciled to God,

we are now agents of God's righteousness

and ambassadors for Christ.

Live boldly,

for Christ welcomes sinners

and makes all things new. Amen.

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## **Psalm 98: God is Just and Merciful**

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has done wonderful deeds.

His right hand has won a mighty victory;  
his holy arm has shown his saving power!

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has announced his victory  
and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to  
Israel.

The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Shout to the Lord, all the earth;  
break out in praise and sing for joy!

<sup>5</sup> Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song,

<sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.  
Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!  
Let the earth and all living things join in.

<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!  
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy

<sup>9</sup> before the Lord,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with justice,  
and the nations with fairness.

### **PRAYER LIST**

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Father Pat Kirsch  
Margaret Mckenrick  
Gloria P.  
Mary R.  
Barb Richter  
Cathy Rocus  
Claudette Segear  
Chris Wolfe

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.

1. O, wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -  
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And  
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

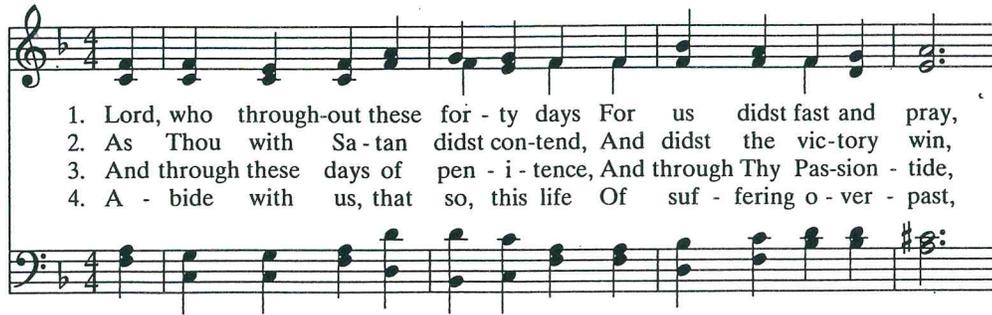
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

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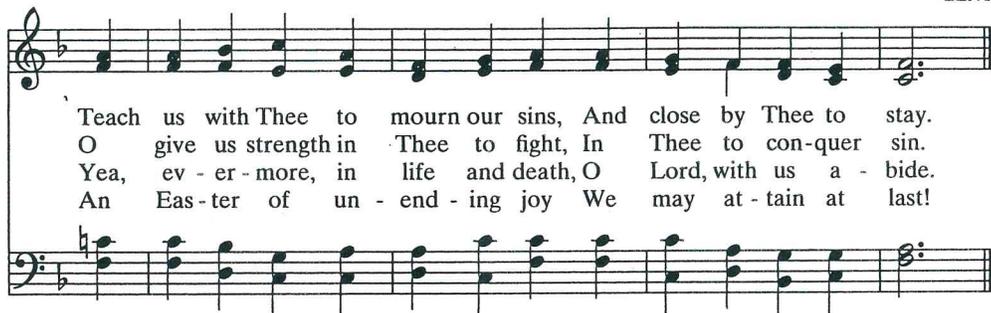
Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

LENT



Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con-quer sin.  
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!