

February 21, 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Welcome

Prelude

Watchword for the Week: **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Psalm 25:8

Liturgy: Lent 1

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(Standing)

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

BRESLAU

**Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; his favors claim your highest praise;
why should the wonders he has wrought be lost in silence and forgot?**

**For he, my soul, has sent his son to die for wrongs which you have done;
he paid the ransom, and forgives the hourly follies of our lives.**

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful Highest Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our inequalities;

Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.

PRAGUE

**Maker of all things, Lord our God, now veiled in feeble flesh and blood,
to reconcile and set us free from endless woe and misery;
what heights, what deaths, of love divine in your blessed incarnation shine!
Let heaven and earth unite their praise, to magnify your boundless grace.**

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are opposed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

You fill our hearts with love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.

LATROBE

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One in Three, and Three in One, as by the celestial host,
let your will on earth be done; praise by all to you be given, glorious Lord of earth and heaven.**

Now with angels round the throne, cherubim and seraphim, and the church which still is one,

let us swell the solemn hymn: glory to the great I Am! Glory to the Paschal Lamb!

From the sin unbelief, from all defilement of the body and spirit, from all self-righteousness, from every neglect of our duty, from ingratitude and selfishness, from lukewarmness, from all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

PASSION CHORALE

**What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,
for all your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?
Grant me to lean unshaken up on your faithfulness till
I from Earth am taken to see you face to face.**

By your holy incarnation and birth, by your early exile, by your pure and blameless childhood, by your willing obedience, by your humility, meekness, and patience, by your faithfulness in your earthly calling, by your fasting and temptation, by your perfect life before God and humanity,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

Receive us all.

RATHBUN

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering over the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
Bane and blessing pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood, by your innocent suffering and dying, by your rest in the grave, by your glorious resurrection and ascension,

Bless us and save us, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

And you in us.

Christ, and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith.

COVENANT

**Lamb of God, you shall remain forever of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor, we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.**

Word of God:

Psalm 25:1-10

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

Message

Prayers of the People (*responsive reading*)

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Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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People: Christ, hear us.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil, from famine and disease, from disaster by fire or flood, storm or earthquake, from violence, war, and blood shed, from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.

By your holy incarnation and birth, by all the merits of your perfect life, by your cross and atoning death, by your triumphant resurrection and ascension, by your sending the Holy Spirit, by your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you, **Help us gracious Lord and God.**

Guide and unify your holy church; Keep all bishops, ministers, and church servants sound in doctrine and holy in life; restore all who have fallen away; strengthen those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel; send us as faithful laborers into your harvest, that all may be gathered into your family; direct all governments in the way of justice and peace, that your will may be known and done among the nations; enable us to make wise use of the world you have entrusted to us; send help to all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish; grant healing and the constant assurance of your love to the sick; enable the dying to put their trust in you as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; **Hear us gracious Lord and God.**

Have mercy on your whole creation; hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your kingdom; keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors; **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

O Christ, Almighty God, **have mercy upon us.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world;**

Manifest yourself to us. **Christ, the Lamb of God,**

You take away the sin of the world; **grant to us your peace.**

O Christ, hear us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts

*Doxology: "For the Life That You Have Given"

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For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***Prayer of Blessing:** Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into this covenant community with you. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer:** 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 Hymn: "Water Has Held Us"

Blue Book Page 408 v. 1, 3, 4

Water has held us, moved by creation. Out of dark chaos,
broke forth the light. Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,
has come a rainbow, gladdening site.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness, has,
with clear blessing, washed sin a way.
Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing,
made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
showing an inward, spiritual grace.
Into God's family, we have been welcomed.
As sons and daughters, we take our place.

*Benediction: "Go Now in Peace"

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Go now in peace, go now in peace;
may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Musical Response (ALL): In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

Prayers : Adam, Katie, Baby Aria, Desmond B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, Joseph D, Diane, Jessica D, Valerie F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janine H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Janice, Evelyn J, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana L, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Donna M, Claudia M, Silvia N, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Thomas P, Karen P, Tom P, Susan P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Sam and all Caretakers, Norma S, Muriel Timari. (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)

Fellowship and News of the Church Alive :

Sunday school resumes in-person. **Worship 11am** – please remember to complete AT HOME and bring in a health questionnaire and mask each week. **Bible Study-** Grab your Bible or pull one up online and join us for an online or call-in group study of the Old Testament, contact the church office for login information. All are

welcome! **Chair Yoga** Wednesdays at 9:30AM via Zoom. **Crafters** meet outdoors weather permitting on Friday (contact Nancy Walker or Janice Hermansen for details).

IMPORTANT: We will continue with our in-person activities (following our safety protocol) while in Yellow/Orange Zones according to city/state guidelines. When our neighborhood enters the Red Zone all activities will be VIRTUAL only. We will resume in-person gatherings once we return to Orange/Yellow Zones and cleaning is completed in accordance with our existing protocol.