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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

In the Cross of Christ, I Glory

Pg. 104 (G)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and

ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE VERSE 1

Gathered in Your Peace, We Pray

A Hymn paraphrase of the Kyrie for Lent

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Gethsemane, 77 77 77

Cantor sings first half of each line. Congregation sings second half of line, in boldface

1. Gath - ered in your peace, we pray: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 2. For the Church, your wound - ed Bride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 3. For your peo - ple, saved by grace: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

5 For our shat - tered world, this day: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 Heal re - store her to your side: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 Make of us one ho - ly race: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

9 Give us peace up - on our way: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 Take a - way her and pride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 Til we see you face to face: **Grant your mer - cy, Lord, a - men.**

A LENTEN HYMN VERSE 1

A Lenten Hymn

In place of the "Gloria in Excelsis" or other hymn of praise

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Tune: St. Catherine

Cantor sings this before first verse only.



Go - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je sus' Cross, you grant us peace.

9 *All*

1. Iath - er al - migh - ty, great God and king,
2. Lord Jes - us Christ, Son, Fa - ther's true
3. Most ho - ly Spi - rit, great God and Son, Lord,
Glo - ri - ous, gra - cious, mer - ci - ful true;
Lamb, grace to the world's one true
You give us bless and a - Light
done.

Our prayers and
Grant life with
One with the

wor-ship and
mer-cy from
Fath-er

bless-ing we
your heav'n-ly
and the

bling,
throne,
Word,

re-ceive it,
Our praise make
To you be

Lord, re-
per-fect
glo-ry

hom-age
ev-er-

-age your
er-

due, slight,
more!

25 *Refrain: all*

The musical score for the refrain of 'The Christmas Carol' is written for a piano accompaniment. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you glori - us peace.' The music is in 4/4 time and consists of 12 measures. The first measure has a '25' in the left margin. The tempo/mood is indicated as 'Refrain: all'.

Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you glori - us peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us pray:..

C: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING

GENESIS 3:1-21

R: The first lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Genesis.

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. 8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

16 To the woman he said,
“I will make your pangs in childbirth exceedingly great;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

17 And to the man he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man named his wife Eve because she was the
mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made garments of
skins for the man and for his wife and clothed them.

R: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 32:1-8

READ RESPONSIVELY

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer. Selah**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

**6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;**

**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

**8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-19

R: The second lesson comes from the 5th chapter of Romans.

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— 13 for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one

man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TIMELINE) PG 63 (G)

P: Please stand (as you are able) in honor of the gospel.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 4th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"The Snake and the Devil....Temptation"

HYMN AFTER SERMON (VIDEO)

Forgiveness

APOASTLE'S CREED

LBW p.85

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (TIMELINE)

Let the Vinyards....

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 blessing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider,

C: For the gifts which you have given, generous, gracious, lavish Lord. We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love outpoured. Use our talents and our treasures; Use our heart and mind and hand. Hallow all for loving service to your folk in every land. AMEN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon
you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING

SENDING SONG (TIMELINE)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 439 (G)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

C: Serve and forgive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 22nd @ Drama speakers meet after church to practice.

Feb. 25th @ 9:00 pm Women's Morning Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

@ 5:30 pm - Soup Supper

@ 6:00 pm - Pre-Tour with Pastor Ann

@ 7:00 pm - Lenten Service

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a pre-tour presentation with slides from the Holy Lands from 6:00-6:50 with Pastor Ann in the parish hall to prepare for our Lenten Service. A light supper of Soup and Dessert will be provided at 5:30 PM. Join us!

Packets of LCMC Lenten Devotions are available by the mailboxes or on our Facebook page. Begin these 40 days of Lent with Jesus!

Do you have extra Bibles and Christian materials at home that are not being used? Join our Lenten LOVE packages drive! More information to follow today!

Scriptures for Mar. 1st

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 121

2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sermon Title: "Born Again of the Spirit"