

Traditional Service
March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

Prelude - Jimin Seo

Call to Worship - Psalm 16.8-11

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me;

People: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: my flesh also dwells secure.

Leader: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: or let Your holy one see corruption.

Leader: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hymn of Adoration: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(see insert) HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Adoration - Brian Piper

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (324) HAMBURG

Special Music (Offertory): Chancel Choir will sing **"Holy Is He"**, words by Claire Cloninger, music by David T. Clydesdale, arranged by David T. Clydesdale.

Greeting of Peace - Hebrews 12.2

Leader: Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Welcome/Announcements/Giving - Video

Pastoral Prayer - Dr. Jace Cloud

Sermon - Dr. Cloud

Pastoral/Closing Prayer - Dr. Cloud

Hymn: "I Then Shall Live" (604)

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Hymn: "Rock of Ages"

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Benediction

Leader: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, in all your troubles and darkness, remember what you are and have. You have been loved with an everlasting love. You are supported by everlasting arms. You are recipients of everlasting life and heirs of an everlasting Kingdom, all sealed and made sure by the blood of an everlasting covenant.

People - (with a loud voice!): Thanks be to God! Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!