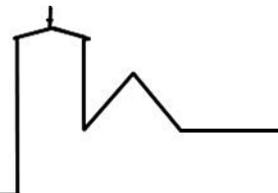


2ND SUNDAY IN LENT



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

*J.S. Bach
Craig Phillips*

Introit

Create in me a Clean Heart

(The congregation is invited to sing the 2nd time)

1. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God. Re - new a right
spir - it with - in me; And cast me not from your pres - ence,
Lord, And take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 15)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills-
From where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 81**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St Flavian

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(UNISON)*

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, and your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep and don't last. We come to your well this Lent, desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS *(see insert)*

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

PSALM 121 Hymn 234

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

Dundee

EPISTLE: Romans 4:1-5, 13-16

GOSPEL: John 3:1-5, 18-21

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

SERMON:

"Cheap Grace"

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(UNISON)* *(United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect for Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, and in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father. And He shall give you another comforter that He may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.



SEALING THE WORD

COMMUNION

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body but to feed the soul.*

All: Take this bread, share this wine.

In these, Christ comes to us.

With love from God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*One: Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of generations.
There is great joy here. No one is turned away, for God is the host!*



Holy Communion

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

COMMUNION PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Here, in this moment and place, we pray that you would pour out your Spirit of peace and joy upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and upon your children gathered around the Table. You do not give us crumbs but nourish us with compassion, so we might go to serve a world hungering for healing. You do not touch our lips with only a few drops but offer us great gulps of grace, so we might offer peace to a fractured and frightened world.

And when the famine of our despair ends, and you gather all your children around you to be fed at the feast of the Lamb, we will sing our thanksgiving songs to you, as the precious tears of joy run down our cheeks, praising you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: On the night before he died.

All: Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said:

One: "This is my body, the bread of life broken for you. Take and eat."

All: And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it, saying:

One: "This is my blood, the cup of compassion spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Holy Spirit, send energy upon these gifts, your bread, and your cup. God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints and our sisters, siblings, and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us, God, here and in every moment of our lives. Help us...

All: To know you. To be guided by the Holy Spirit. And to live Christ. Now and forever.

One: This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS *to the congregation*

Communion Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, For thy tender mercy's sake, Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, That we may walk in a perfect
heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(RESPONSIVELY)*

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love and strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into the world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 282**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(RESPONSIVE)*

Now go, to serve as God's people.

We will work to remove all that divides us from others.

Now go, to share the grace of Jesus.

We will love others just as we are loved.

Now go, to be the Spirit's community.

We will invite everyone to join us in this life of faith and service.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Kyrie, BWV 671.

J.S. Bach

Lord have mercy, God the Holy Spirit,
Comfort and strengthen us in our faith,
So that at the last
We may joyfully depart from this misery.
Have mercy!

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto

David Kortemeier, bass · Dan Stanley, tenor

Rebekah Dentino, soprano



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