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WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2023
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PRELUDE

Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal
J.S. Bach
Brian Ward, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AN INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

Out of the Depths I Cry to You (361)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 808, with sung response

Psalms 51:1-17

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**We bring our burdens and our sins to You, O Christ,
who bears the heavy load for us.**

**We place upon You our excuses, our shortcomings,
our anger, and our desire,
knowing that You can remove these sins from us
and restore us to life.**

**We confess that we have gone astray.
We confess that we have not loved You fully
and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We confess that we have not fully loved even ourselves.**

**Forgive us of our sins.
Help us to turn back to You.
Restore what has been broken,
transform what has been twisted,
find what has been lost,
so we may be the living, loving image of You in creation.
In Your precious name we pray. Amen.**

Now hear these words of assurance: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward your God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 324

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lynn Pearson, Reader

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

MEDITATION

Forgiveness Circles

Libby Piotrowski

Person #1: Please forgive me for any way I have offended you (in the past year).

Person #2: God forgives, and I forgive. And please forgive me also.

Person #1: God forgives, and I forgive.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Grace Flows Down

David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, Rod Padgett

2000 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Jeanette Mottl and Brian Ward

COMING TO THE TABLE AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Come to the table, kneeling as you are able at the railings. Take your time; there is no hurry.

Ashes may be received after you have received communion.

* DEPARTING HYMN 214

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

* UNISON BENEDICTION

written by Tim Graves

**Created from dust, held together by God's extravagant love,
we turn away from sin, and leave today embracing God's love.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary
William Croft

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*As we journey through Lent, we invite you to join us for an evening Lenten service each week.
In addition to our Sunday morning services at 10:30 and our Wednesday evening dinners at 6 pm,
we will gather for contemplative worship services each Sunday in Lent beginning at 6 pm.*

These 45-minute services will take place in the south chapel on the following dates:

February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26.

Join us for a time of quiet prayer, music, singing, and communion.

Come and worship as we make the journey together to the cross.

Psalm 51:1-17

RESPONSE 1

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

RESPONSE 2

The sac - ri - fice you ac - cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir - it.

ALL ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

I ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

II ⁶You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

I ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

- II ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
¹⁵**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- ALL ¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

324 Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

1 Come, O sin - ners, poor and need - y, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
 2 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 3 Lo! th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it of his blood;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of par - d'ning love for all.
 all that he re - quires of sin - ners is to turn and trust in him.
 ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly let no oth - er trust in - trude:

He is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is will - ing, doubt no more;
 He will save you, he will save you, 'tis the Gos - pel's con - stant theme.
 none but Je - sus, none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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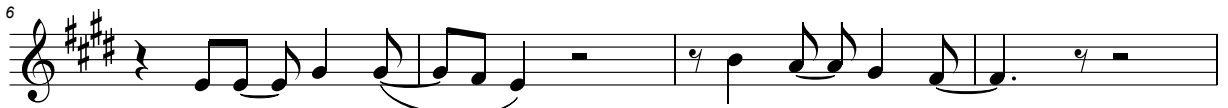
Grace Flows Down

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A-maz - ing grace

How sweet the sound



A-maz - ing love

now flow - ing down

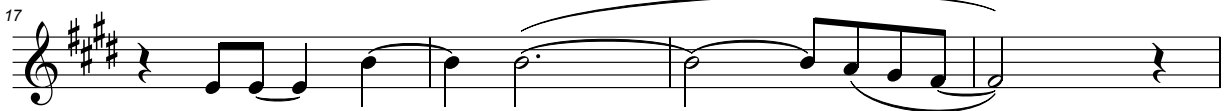


From hands and feet

that were nailed to the tree



as grace flows down and co - vers me



It co - vers me



It co - vers me



It co - vers me

and co - vers me

214 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, for us did
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the
 3 As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your
 5 A - bide with us and through this life our doubts and

fast and pray, teach us to o - ver - come our
 vic - t'ry win, oh, give us strength in you to
 gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and so to
 Pas - sion - tide, for ev - er - more, in life and
 pain re - lieve. An Eas - ter of un - end - ing

sins, and close by you to stay.
 fight, in you to con - quer sin.
 live by your most ho - ly Word.
 death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 joy we shall at last re - ceive. A - men.

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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