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GATHERING MUSIC

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT



INTROIT

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee  
Hymnal Selection 297, Theodore Dubois  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Joel 2

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

**And so even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,**

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN 324

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Reading

Maria Ward, Reader  
2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Merciful God, have mercy on us, according to your steadfast love:

**According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.**

**You desire truth in my inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Jesu So Meek  
Hymnal Selection 311, arr. J.S. Bach

MEDITATION

Jeff Hunter

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

*Following the meditation, you will be invited to gather into groups of two or three people to pray for one another for two to three minutes. In your time together, take turns sharing a significant thing you are facing as we are moving into this Lenten season, and then praying for the person who shared.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE 474

Lord, You Have Welcomed Us

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

*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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Communion Hymn Medley

Sam Parnin, Organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* CLOSING SONG

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,

Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain

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

*AN INVITATION*

*In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship services at 10:30, we will gather for a series of contemplative Lenten worship services each Sunday in Lent beginning at 6 pm. The 45-minute services will take place in the south chapel and will be held on the following dates:*

*February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22*

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

# 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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 None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

## Lord, You Have Welcomed Us

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*In unison*

1 Lord, you have wel - comed us; we come to pray for  
 2 Re - deem our sor - rows; let our tears be - come your  
 3 Be pres - ent in our past, O Lord, and in the  
 4 Re - mind us of your faith - ful - ness, the prom - ise

heal - ing in your love. Please, as we wait to meet you  
 heal - ing wa - ters blessed. And lead us, lost, to qui - et  
 mem - 'ry of our days. When ter - rors of the night op -  
 of your pres - ence, Lord. And keep us trust - ing in your

here, all doubts, im - pe - di - ments re - move.  
 streams where we shall find our - selves re - freshed.  
 press, pro - tect us in your strong em - brace.  
 grace un - til we greet you whole, re - stored.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,  
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You are our God, and we are the creatures of your hand.

You made us from the dust of the earth, breathed into us the breath of life,  
and set us in your world to love and serve you.

**When we rejected your love and ignored your wisdom, you did not reject us.**

**You loved us still and called us to turn again to you in obedience and in love.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus among us  
to set us free from the tyranny of evil.

**He lived as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows.**

**By his dying and rising, he releases us from bondage to sin  
and frees us from the dominion of death.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,  
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in your name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit  
to live as the Lord requires:  
to do justice,  
to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with you, our God.  
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ  
until this mortal life is ended  
and all that is earthly returns to dust.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until the promised day of resurrection,  
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.**

Through Christ,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

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# His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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E A9 E

What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -  
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What  
 What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His

4 Bsus C#m A9 Bsus

ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He  
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We

6 E9 F#m7 E G# A

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; Our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; Our

8 A E B E Dim# A E

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!  
 sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.  
 sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

11 B E G# E B

His mer - cy is more.

14 A E B C#m

Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our

16 A E B E A/E

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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## **Welcome Statement**

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*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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