

**“If
anyone
would
come after
me, he
must deny
himself and
take up his
cross daily and
follow me.”**

Luke 9:23

February 25, 2018

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The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE . . . Leilani Camara and Michael Keating

WELCOME

Please Stand



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

All: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

L: On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

All: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

L: Come to hear. Come to learn.

All: Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

A LITANY OF BOLDNESS

P: O Creative God, you made us in your image.

All: You call us into discipleship in Jesus Christ.

L: You empower us through the Holy Spirit.

All: Let your lovingkindness be upon us as you accept our prayers.

P: O God of our ancestors, we remember the bold witness of our foremothers who paved the way for all women, lay and ordained.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: O Holy One, who breathes life into us all, we raise before you the bold women among us today.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For those who pray, for those who parent, for those who study, for those who advocate,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For those who laugh, for those who share, for those who extend hospitality, for those who smile,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: O Gracious One, forgive us when we are too timid to live up to the boldness you have placed within us.

All: We pray to you, O God.

L: O Gracious One, enable us to recognize, honor and support the boldness you have placed within others.

All: We pray to you, O God.

P: O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Hear our prayer.

L: O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might best serve others in your name.

All: Hear our prayer.

P: O God of strength, give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding possibilities and grow through change.

All: Hear our prayer.

L: Nurturing God, you have inspired and empowered women throughout all ages.

All: Give us the courage and wisdom to act boldly on our faith in you, O Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining One. Amen.



Celebrate Women

HYMN . . . “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” vs. 1, 2

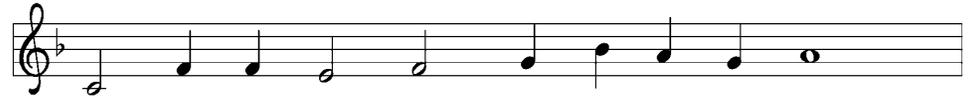
Text: Thomas H. Cain - Tune: *Trente quatre pseumes de David*
Cranberry Book #321



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.

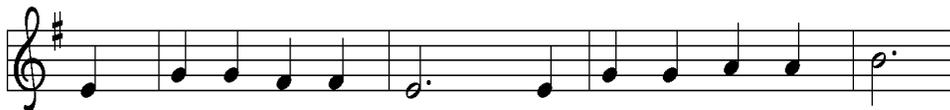
GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.



KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.

All: **Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM ... "Take Up Your Cross"

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: **Teach us your ways and your paths.**

Reader: Instruct us through your word,

All: **As we humbly receive your lessons.**

FIRST READING . . . Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous

and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . "Were You There?" - Carmen Blair

Please Stand

HYMN . . . "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" vs. 1, 4

Text: Charles W. Everest - Tune: W. Hauser - Cranberry Book #667



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As the Israelites brought the first fruits of their harvest, in gratitude for entry into the land of promise,

All: let us bring our gifts and offerings, in gratitude for God's abundant grace in our lives.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (sung twice)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,

All: that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Strengthen pastors, bishops, deacons, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Eve, you create humankind in your image. Cultivate in us a passion for your good creation.

Transform our daily routines so that our stewardship reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Naomi, you care for the widow. Be with all who mourn. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Protect refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Zechariah, you invite us to worship. Teach us to sing your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Embolden us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole being. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be.

All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,

L: in the words of Moses and Aaron,

All: in the dance and song of Miriam,

L: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,

All: in the dreams of Joseph.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Through Jesus you once again showed us what could be. He healed the ill, to show the power of your healing love, and to free them from their brokenness. He ate with women and men who were rejected and despised by others, to show us the expansiveness of your welcoming love, and to free them from the pain of alienation. At such a meal, on the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, and upon us, your gathered community.

All: Empower us, feed us by your body and blood to be your body in the world: to feed the hungry, to heal the broken and stop the torture, to welcome the hurt and marginalized, to be as Christ to one another.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

All: All are welcome at God's table.

Be Seated

Ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

THE DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION SONG . . . "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Text – Sigismund von Birken - Tune: Georg G. Boltze - Cranberry Book #802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

COMMUNION SONG . . . "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Text: Psalm 102:1-2 - Tune: Jacques Berthier - Cranberry Book #751



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Christ has shown himself among us. God has made a dwelling place in the midst of us. This voice of peace has spoken and love has reached to every heart. May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Compassionate God,

All: you have fed us with bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . **SENDING**

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" vs 1, 4

Text & Tune: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

Cranberry Book #808



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

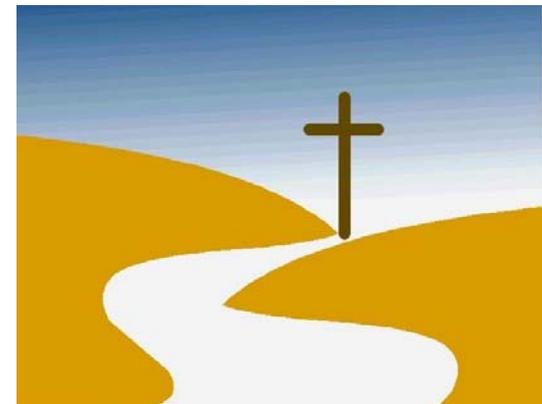


Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve the Lord.



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Midweek Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENT

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2018

- 6:30 to 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music
- Drama: Encounters Before the Dawn



March 25, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY

- 8:45 & 11 AM Services
- Palm Procession (1st Service)
- 5 PM Seder Meal

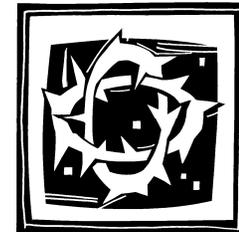
March 29, 2018 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7 PM Service
- With other local Lutheran churches
- Location to be determined



March 30, 2018 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music



April 1, 2017 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM 21st Cent. Trad. Service
- Easter Breakfast between Services
- 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 AM Service of Living Praise

