

A Service of Worship on the Lord's Day
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025



JESUS' VICTORY

IS OUR VICTORY

LUKE 4:1-13

Gathering in God's Presence

PRELUDE

THE GATES OF HOPE

HYMN # 165

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God has come near.

All: **Repent and believe the good news!**

SONG #820

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Taizé

Musical score for "Nothing Can Trouble". The score is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 72. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "No - thing can trou - ble, no - thing can fright - en, Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us." The score includes various chords (Am, Dm7, G, Em/C, F, Dm6, E) and dynamics (p, mf, f). There are two first endings and a second ending.

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

- One: God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
- All: **We confess that we are lost amid the piles of our possessions.**
- One: Misled by desire and paralyzed by fear,
we are addicted to acquiring wealth and power.
- All: **Our consumption jeopardizes ourselves, harms others,
and degrades the beautiful planet you have placed in our care.**
- One: Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
- All: **Place us on the path of simplicity and sharing,
trusting only in you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

SILENT PRAYER *(take time to be personal and specific)*

SONG

“Son of God”

Taizé

Musical score for "Son of God". The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Son of God, O Lord Je - sus Christ, show us your mer - cy. Lord, hear our prayer. Lord hear our prayer." The score includes dynamics (p, f) and a repeat sign at the end.

ASSURANCE

- One: The mercy of the living God is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
that you are forgiven.
- All: **May we walk in the Light of God's forgiveness,
doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God and neighbor.**

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hearing God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Musical score for "Lord to Whom Shall We Go". The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of e - ter - nal life." The score includes dynamics (cantor, all) and a repeat sign at the end.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

Psalm 91:1-3 & 9-16
Luke 4:1-13

Responding to God's Word

SERMON

Mr. Rack

HYMN # 783

"When We Are Tested"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE FEAST

*The cup contains grape juice.
Gluten, yeast & dairy free bread may be found on the communion table.*

SONG #527

"Eat this Bread"

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Text: From John 6; para. Robert Batastini (b. 1942) and The Community of Taizé
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

EAT THIS BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. Keith Christopher

GOD MOMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO PRAYER #471

"O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer.

When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, |
When we call an - swer us. O Lord, hear our prayer, |

Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Abana in Heaven"

A - ba - na in heav - en hal - low-ed be your ho-ly
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in
heaven. Your king-dom come, your will be done in all the earth as in
heaven. And give to us, give us this day our dail-y bread, O Lord, we
pray. For - give our sins as we for-give those who have sinned a - gainst
us. And save us in the time of trial. De - liv - er us from e -
vil. Yours is the king-dom, yours the pow-er, Your is the glo-ry now and
ev - er. A - ba - na in heav - en. A - men.

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CLOSING SENTENCES

One: Do not be tempted to gain and keep benefits for yourselves.

All: **Rather let us be clear channels**
through whom God's love may freely flow into the world.

*HYMN #43

"On Eagles' Wings"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #43

"On Eagles' Wings"
(Refrain)

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Thank you to our Liturgist this morning, Barbara Melvin.

Thank you to our Greeters this morning, Larry Beckwith and Amy Erickson.