

## **THE WAY OF LOVE**

*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
TURN: PAUSE, LISTEN + CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023, 10:30AM  
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

## ABOUT WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF LENT

**Colors:** We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent. (Attribution: <https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/>)

**Seating:** Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to Lent as a season different from all others. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

**Baptismal Font:** The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

**Music:** As a season of quiet contemplation, you will notice the use of Taize music each week. Taize is sung meditation meant to quiet the mind and body to make room for God's presence within us. You will also notice there is no Gloria at the opening of services and we sing more subdued music in the Eucharistic Prayer.

**The Way of Love in Lent:** The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. Each week in our lenten liturgy, we will focus on one of the seven ancient practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Go and Worship. We will focus on the same practices and their intersection with the readings from the Easter Vigil Service in our lenten Christian Formation. See the announcements or the newsletter for ways to participate.

At St. Francis we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." If you sit or stand at a different time than others or sing off key, it is all pleasing to the God we worship. All we do and all we are is brought before God as an offering in our Eucharist.

PRELUDE

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

GATHERING HYMN *Stand* FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

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1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Jesus said, "The first [commandment] is: Hear, O Israel: the Holy One our God, the Holy is One; you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

Presider and people

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from Genesis.

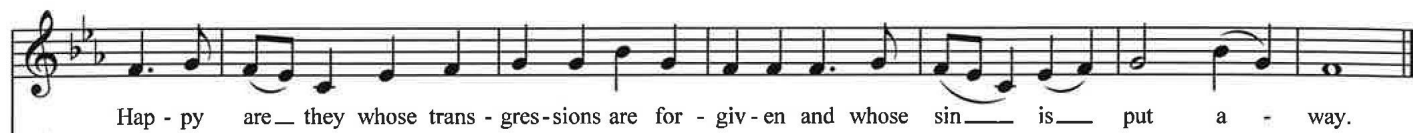
2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **ANTIPHON**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **ANTIPHON**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People

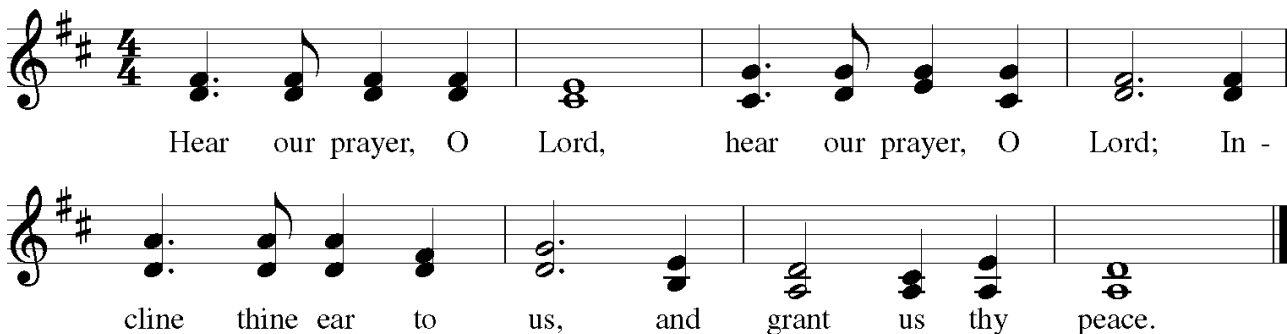
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** *Stand*

**HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD**

**LEVAS 249**

*Sing twice.*



## THE GOSPEL

Presider            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.            4:1-11

People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Sing gospel hymn on previous page one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**



## THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*The people respond, "Lord have mercy."*

Presider Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City where with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign now and for ever. **Amen.**

## PEACE

Presider            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People             **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

## OFFERTORY

**MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE**  
**VIOLIN SOLO BY KATIE JONES**

## EUCCHARIST

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Lift up your hearts.

People             **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People             **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider            It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN**



*A - men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

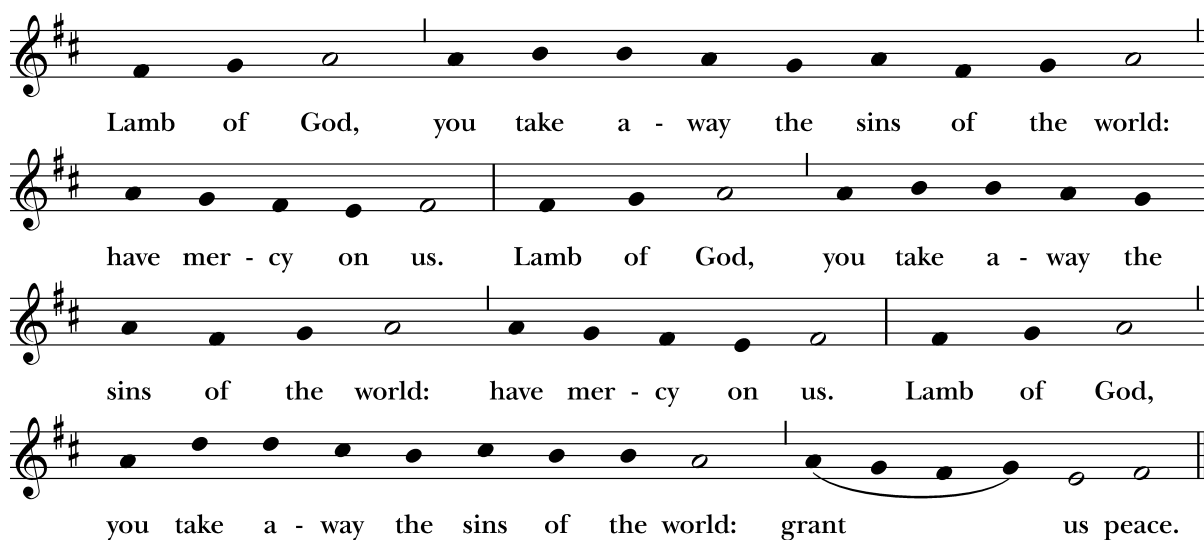
*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider                    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

## MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

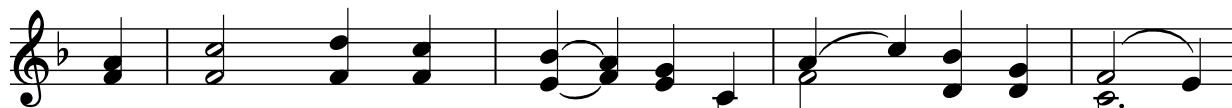
LEVAS 89



1. My Je - sus, I love\_\_\_ thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause\_\_\_ thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life,\_\_\_ I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
3. And praise thee as long\_\_\_ as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore\_\_\_ thee in heav - en so bright;



1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:\_\_\_
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns\_\_\_ on thy brow:\_\_\_
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold\_\_\_ on my brow,\_\_\_
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown\_\_\_ on my brow,\_\_\_



1. If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3. "If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
4. "If ev - er I loved\_\_\_ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. A

People Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

1. Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus; Look full in His won - der - ful  
2. Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus. Take hold of His pow - er - ful

face, And the things of earth will grow strange - ly  
hand. He will lift you up in His might - y

dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.  
love. In the strength of your God you can stand.

## **DISMISSAL**

Presider            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**