

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Reminiscere

THE LORD'S DAY, 28 February, Anno Domini 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning | The Sanctuary

✠ denotes the People stand, in body or in spirit, as able.

The People's responses are printed in **bold**.



SILENT PRAYER of PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul. For You bid Your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

–Book of Common Prayer

GREETING

The Rev^d Dr. Mark Conforti, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE

Jesus Paid It All

Mr. Joshua Starnes, Director of Music

arr. Cathy DeRousse

✠ CALL to WORSHIP (responsively)

from Joel 2.13

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,

for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,

for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,

for God abounds in steadfast love.

1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend.
 3. The heaven-ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest;
 4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 An - cient of Ev - er - last - ing Days, and God of love;
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heaven as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty, and end - less rest.
 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - mighty - y King!
 Je - ho - vah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con - fessed;
 I shall be - hold God's face; I shall God's power a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of God's grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 Je - ho - vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee!"

✦ CALL to LAMENT and REPENTANCE

The Rev^d Stacey Lundy, Associate Pastor

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord:

to participate in what is good and right and true,
 and expose what is unfruitful and evil.

God does not punish our sin with trials
 but desires our genuine contrition.

And so, we bring our confessions to God,
 so that what is hidden in us becomes visible,
 and by the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Let us pray:

(A brief moment of silence follows for private confession.)

✦ CORPORATE PRAYER of CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALmighty and most merciful God,
You know the thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against You and done evil in Your sight.

We have transgressed Your holy laws.

We have disregarded Your Word and Sacraments.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that,
being delivered from the bondage of sin,

we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance,

and henceforth may ever walk in Your holy ways;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

✦ ASSURANCE of GOD'S PARDON (*responsively*)

Hear the Good News:

through Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest and Sacrificial Lamb,
your sins are forgiven.

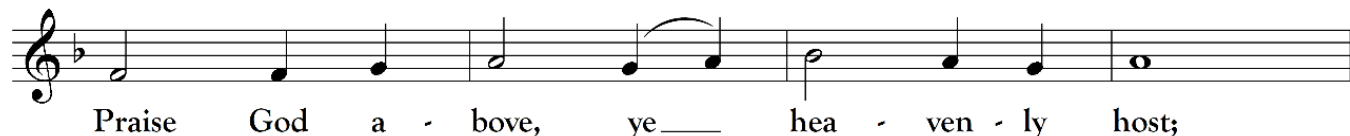
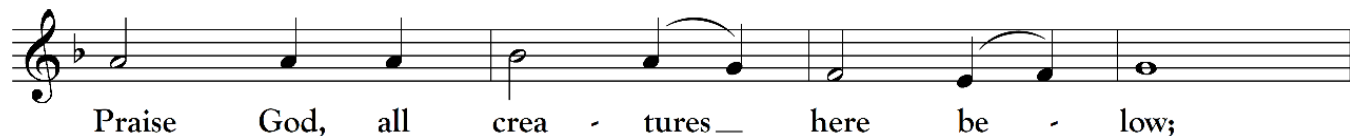
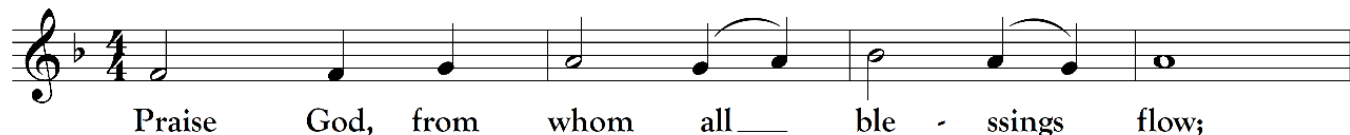
We are freed to offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.

Praise Jesus, the wounded Healer!

✦ DOXOLOGY (*in unison*)

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GRACIOUS God,
illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,
so by the power of Your Holy Spirit we may see what is good, and right, and true.
And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to You,
so that Your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds.
In Christ's Name we pray. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

[Leviticus 9.22-24](#)

GOSPEL LESSON

[Matthew 20.17-28](#)

SERMON

SONG of RESPONSE

ALL TO CHRIST

For more information about this song, please visit: [Discipleship Ministries](#) | "Jesus Paid It All" ([umcdiscipleship.org](#)).



1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small. Child of
2. Lord, now in - deed I find thy power, and thine a - lone Can
3. For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim; I'll
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete, "Je - sus



weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
change the lep - er's spots and melt the heart of stone. Je - sus paid it
wash my gar - ments clean in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.



all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

VISIO DIVINA

The practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are considered the three pillars of Lent. They are represented here by a fish for fasting, a money bag for almsgiving, and a pair of hands clasped in prayer. Tradition tells us that prayer is for the good of our souls, fasting for the good of our bodies, and almsgiving for the good of our neighbor. The triadic nature of the three pillars echoes the triune nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three pillars are encircled first by a braided border which calls to mind the pretzel, a simple bread made without fat, eggs, sugar, or milk, which was originally created to be eaten during Lent and whose shape is reminiscent of arms crossed in prayer. Forty barren stones form the outer border and represent the forty days Jesus spent in the desert and the forty days of the Lenten season. Allow these symbols to urge and inspire you as you adopt and engage with your own Lenten practices. Artwork by Sacred Ordinary Days. For more resources on Christian spiritual formation, prayer practices, and the liturgical year visit [www.sacredordinarydays.com](#).



I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried.

On the third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick* and the dead.

[*living]

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.*

[**universal]

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION and THANKSGIVING (responsively)

Following each petition:

...Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

from Matthew 6.9-13

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,
forever. *Amen.*

Refrain:



Praise the Lord, — His mer - cy is more. —



Stronger than darkness, new ev-'ry morn. Our sins, they are many, His mer-cy is more!



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stan - tly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - kno - wing, 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



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

Repeat Refrain



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more!

✦ BENEDICTION *and* COMMISSION
 ...Thanks be to God! *Amen.*

✦ DEPARTURE *into* THE MISSION FIELD



Our Lenten banner depicts the cross of Christ in white. It stands out against the darkness of purple, ash gray, and other somber colors, representing pain, suffering, mourning, and penance. The two black crosses of the thieves crucified with Christ are in the background. In contrast, the lighter colors around the cross of Christ represent hope that comes from the blood of Christ, shed for our redemption and the forgiveness of sin. The black sand and burlap runner in the chancel remind us of the biblical illustration of wearing sackcloth and the use of ashes as a sign of mourning and penitence, and they call us to remember our own human mortality. The reeds remind us of Jesus' fasting and temptation by Satan in the desert for 40 days and nights, while also foreshadowing Christ's Passion.



A special "thank you" to all those serving in worship today, including:
Master Evan Koontz, Acolyte; Ms. Jen Fogt, Video Producer;
and The Reverend Stacey Lundy, Video Editor.



Week of February 28-March 6

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