



Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“I Stand Amazed in The Presence”
arr. Cindy Berry
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”
Hassler/arr. Fenton Groden
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

What if all our words were pleasing to God? Might we discover wisdom and change the world?

Welcome and Announcements

Pat Thomblison

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

God of glory and might, speak to us with your wisdom, that we might truly hear you. Display your majesty, that we might truly see you. Transform the chaos of our lives with the clarity of your call, that we might worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Musical Interlude

“The Last Supper”
Gilbert M Martin
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Merciful God,
Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you.
Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith.
Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**
(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me.

Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a

passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Do not kill.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

John 2: 13-22

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*

Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and in three days I’ll raise it up.”

The Jewish leaders replied, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?” But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“You Are My All in All”

Dennis Jernigan

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Doxology

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship.

If you wish to partake of this sacrament, please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.

Invitation to the Table

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.
AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

[And with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray:]

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”
Paul Manz
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Prayer After Communion

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

Hymn

“Sanctuary”

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.** (sung twice)

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

(Repeat)

*Postlude

“How Great Thou Art”

Carl Boberg

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:

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Pat Thomblison, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music

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