



# 1st Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Lamb of God”  
Twila Paris  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

## GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”  
Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

## CENTERING WORDS

*Whether we are in green pastures or arid deserts, God never abandons us.*

Welcome and Announcements

Anton Ahrens

Introit

“Near The Cross”  
Victor Labenske  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.**

**God’s Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 695 (refrain only)

“Change My Heart, O God”

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

THE WORD

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

Sermon on the Steps

Pat Thomblison

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for his name to reside. Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: “I am declaring right now before the Lord my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God’s altar. Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God:

“My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors’ God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me.”

Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

*People: Thanks be to God*

## Second Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, *People won’t live only by bread.*”

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, “I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It’s been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It’s written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*”

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down from here; for it’s written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.*”

Jesus answered, “It’s been said, *Don’t test the Lord your God.*” After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

*People: Praise to you, O Christ.*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of the Belhar

Congregation

We believe ...  
that God wishes to teach the church  
what is good and to seek the right.

We believe ...  
that the church must therefore  
stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
which implies, among other things,  
that the church must witness against  
and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe ...  
that the church as the possession of God  
must stand where the Lord stands,  
namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe ...  
that in following Christ  
the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged  
who selfishly seek their own interests  
and thus control and harm others.

Therefore ...  
we reject any ideology  
which would legitimate forms of injustice  
and any doctrine which is unwilling  
to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Come Now Is The time To Worship”  
Brian Doerkson  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Doxology Hymn No. 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Amen.**

Congregation  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Prayer of Dedication

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship.  
If you are worshiping remotely and wish to partake of this sacrament,  
please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of wilderness hopes be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us bring our hearts to God.

**We offer them to God who fills them with life.**

With songs on our lips and in our hearts, let us praise God.

**We sing of what we believe, offering thanksgivings from our hearts.**

Lord's Prayer

**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 Music

"Christians, To The Paschal Victim"

Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**SENDING FORTH**

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

\*Sending Hymn No. 215

“What Wondrous Love is This”  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response GTG 701

“Lord, Prepare Me”  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Postlude

“I Stand Amazed”  
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:  
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider  
Anton Ahrens, Liturgist  
Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual  
Matt Blum, Audio/Visual

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