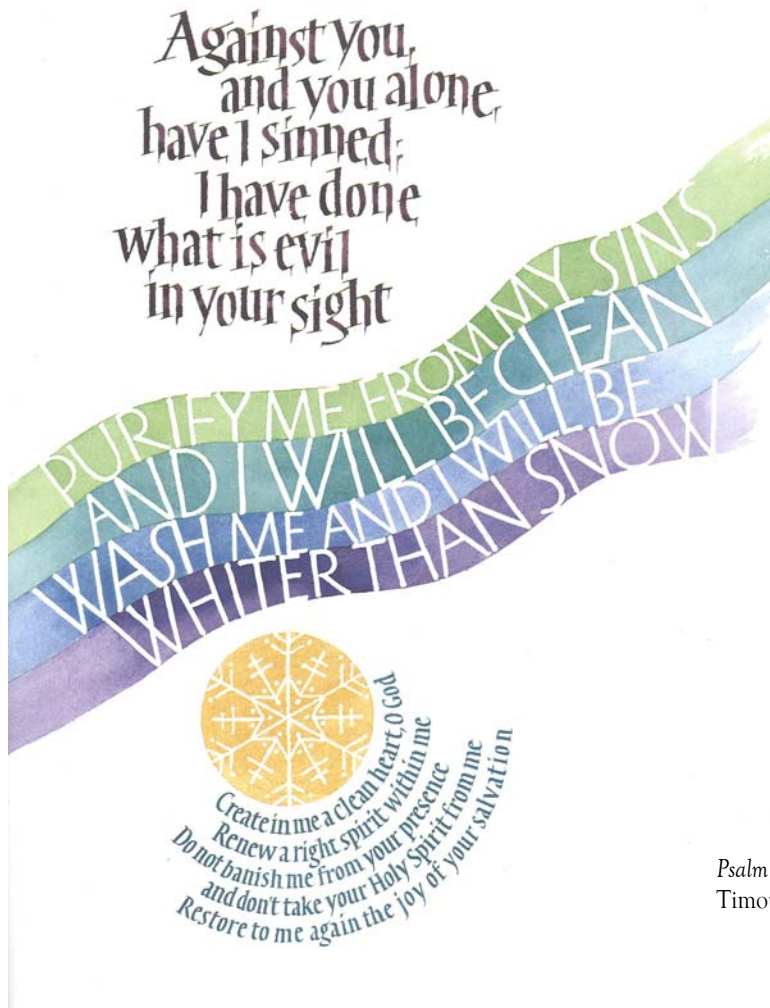


MARCH 18, 2018 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Psalm 51
Timothy Botts, Calligrapher

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY FROM SYMPHONY #3* DANIEL E. GAWTHROP
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

People of God, what brings you to this place today?
Like the Greeks who came to the festival in Jerusalem, "We wish to see Jesus."
Friends, this Jesus answered that the hour for him to be glorified is approaching.
We know that his hour of suffering draws near, but nonetheless we dare try to follow.
Jesus said to them, "Walk while the light is still with you, so that darkness may not overtake you."
We walk with him to become children of light.

FROM JOHN 12:20-33

KIMBERLY PARKER

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Lectionary Texts for today:
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

For the younger ones among us:

God placed goodness in our hearts. Yet we continue to do things that are wrong. The purpose of Lent is for us to think about how both of those things can be true at the same time. Ask your parents or grandparents how they think Jesus helps us with this.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BASED ON JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Lord, through the prophet long ago, you promised a new covenant with your wayward people. But we are more like our biblical ancestors, who could not keep faith with you. We push forth when we should wait upon you, and hang back timidly when you bid us to go forward. Write your law on our hearts, forgive our iniquity, remember our sin no more . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

SINGAPURA

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

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 475, STANZA 3

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PAGE 755, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

CREATE IN ME

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

NAZARETH AND JERUSALEM CHOIRS; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; KAREN BROWN, ACCOMPANIST

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

SECOND READING

PSALM 51:1-12 *(Please read responsively)*

PAGE 527, NT, PEW BIBLE

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Left side: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Right side: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Balcony: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Left side: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Right side: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Balcony: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Left side: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Right side: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Balcony: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 421

HAVE MERCY, GOD, UPON MY LIFE

IRISH

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM HEBREWS 4:14-16, 5:5, 7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALTERNATE TEXT: SEE MARGIN NOTE)

MICHELLE HWANG

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY KYRIE FROM MASS IN G

FRANZ SCHUBERT

CHANCEL CHOIR

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 546

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

SICILIAN MARINERS

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 543, STANZA 5

GREEN TYLER

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me. O Christ surround me; O Christ, surround me.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

WHEN JESUS WEPT

DAVID SCHELAT

Lenten Prayer Tree

During the Lenten season, we are placing two Prayer Trees in the Sanctuary. During the Prayers of the People each Sunday, you are invited to go to the trees to tie a colored prayer ribbon on a branch to represent your prayer concerns. By Easter the tree will have "bloomed" with a visible, tangible manifestation of our congregation's prayers. Let us lift up our hearts together in prayer!

Color key for the ribbons

PINK - Praise and Adoration

RED - Courage

YELLOW- Thanksgiving

SILVER - Wholeness & Healing

LIGHT GREEN - Confession and Forgiveness

TURQUOISE - Strength

WHITE - Peace

PURPLE - Wisdom and Discernment

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother, Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang and Kimberly Parker.

Our lector today is Stephanie Williams.

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Julia Watkins

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES - 3/23-24

Friday, March 23, 5-9pm

Sign making in Tull Hall

Saturday, March 24, 11-1pm

March from Civil Rights Center

Saturday, March 24, 1-3pm

Rally at Liberty Plaza.

Saturday, March 24, 3-5pm

Voter registration

See the E-Weekly for more information

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain

Karen Gravel ▪ Philip Covin

Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake

Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers

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Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes

Kathy Kohn ▪ Norm Kohn

Deacons of the Day

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Counters

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Chris Sciarone

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:

Ginger & Russell

The Lewis Amos Family:

Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Tricia Berrett

Choir Guild

Jane Conyers

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25

9:45 a.m. Courtyard Fellowship

10:15 p.m. Palm Sunday Procession

11:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, March 29

12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Rand Chapel

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Services in homes.

Friday, March 30

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Service

Rand Chapel

7:30 p.m. Combined Service

at Central

Sunday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 18

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

6:00 p.m. Lenten Group #1

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 19

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lenten Group #2

7:30 p.m. Lenten Group #3

7:30 p.m. Lenten Group #9

Tuesday, March 20

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

7:00 p.m. Lenten Group #5

7:30 p.m. Lenten Group #4

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 22

10:00 a.m. Lenten Group #6

3:00 p.m. Lenten Group #8

Friday, March 23

12:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth depart
for Washington

Saturday, March 24

March for Our Lives Events

Sunday, March 25: Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs

9:45 a.m. Courtyard Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

11:00 a.m. Worship

Anna George Traynham
preaching

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

6:00 p.m. Lenten Group #1

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 25, immediately following worship for purpose of electing officers.

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