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1st Sunday of Lent

February 18th, 2024

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to worship as we celebrate this Sunday. We are now in the 40 days of Lent – a time of reflection and focus on removing that which hinders us from hearing God's Word and the promise of our Baptism. If you are using your laptop, tablet, or phone to join in the livestream at 8:30am & 10:30am http://bit.ly/SLCworship. We have "Listen" ear pieces available for the hearing impaired-simply ask one of the ushers!

Prelude

Gathering

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness (Please stand as you are able)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

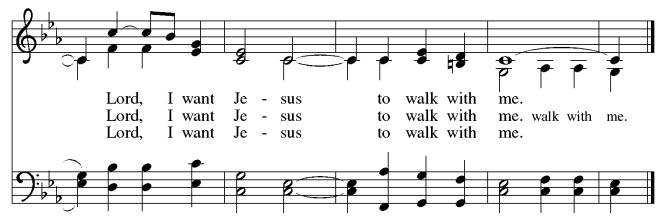
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son,

Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



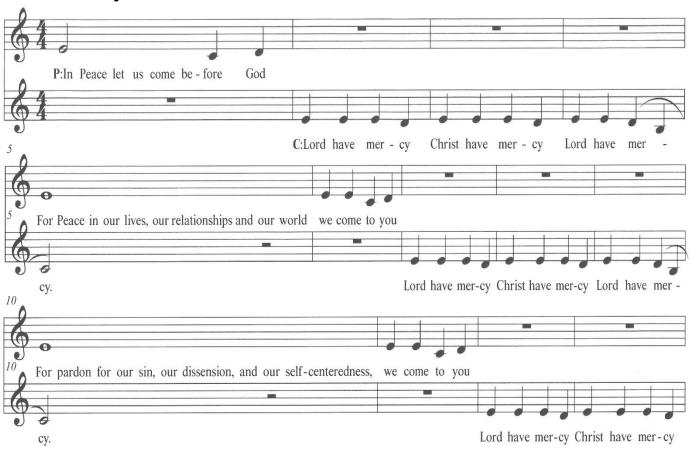


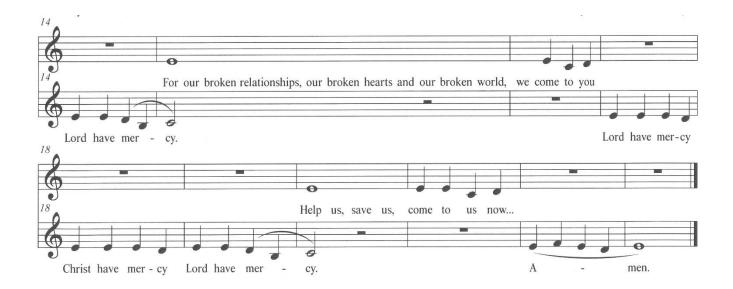
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Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)
- C: And also with you.

Confession Kyrie





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray ... Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Kids Word (11am)

First Reading Genesis 22:1~18

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his

will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 6

- R: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.
- C: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.
- R: My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O LORD—how long?
- C: Turn, O LORD, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- R: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise?
- C: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.
- R: My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes.
- C: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- R: The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD accepts my prayer.
- C: All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror; they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

Musical Meditation "I Am" by David Crowder

Second Reading

Romans 8:31~39

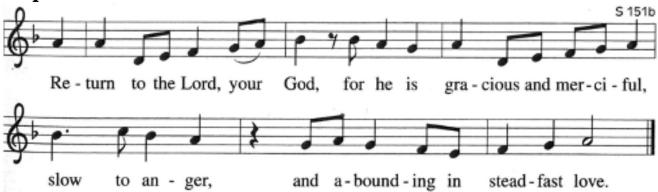
³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord"



R: The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Mark 1:9~15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Forty Days for Us" by Pastor Bill Crabtree

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who



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he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and But now cham-pion comes fight, whom a to we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they for God him - self fights side with by our



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The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. God's on - ly Son, a - dored. God's judg-ment must pre - vail! they can - not win the day. On earth he has no e - qual. He holds the field vic - to - rious. One lit - tle word sub - dues him. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayers of the Church

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time –

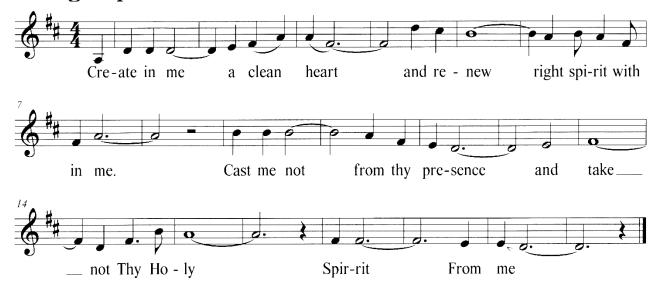
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Offering Response



L: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (All)

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 and ever. Amen.



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be two tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets like we have been doing with the sealed cups. A communion assistant will distribute the cups. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction

can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.





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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen





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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled!

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Thanks: SLiCk Pickers

This Week's Worship Leaders—February 18th

February Altar Care: Mary Serbousek, Ann Daly, Sheri and Eric Bockelie Liturgists: (8:30) Randy Randolf (11:00 am) Sean Duarte Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Lisa and Jeff Ottenbacher, Jerry Erickson (11:00 am) Ed Duarte, Sonny & Sharron Kanlian Readers: (8:30 am) Barb Smithson (11:00 am) Olivia Cormier

Readings for February 25th

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-25 & Mark 8:31-38 As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions: Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: The SLC women attending the retreat at St. Andrew's House as they worship and travel back to their homes. The SLC Youth on a winter retreat this weekend. The Barr family in the death of Clara. The Yocum family in the death of Darlene. Tom Taft in hospice.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Nancy Matronic and Dave Ryan.

Facing Cancer: Rudy Burress, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Kay Kersten, Ron Maddux, Jim Piatt, Gerry Randall, Randy Randolph, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Amelia Seagrave, Lisa Stephens, June Stocks, Melissa Tippets, David Trexler, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Bill Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Jared Cain, Timothy Dao, Rebecca Mackey, Andrew Quam, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Hilma Bridges, Bob Brien, Don Budden, John Daly, Roger Eagan Sr., Ace Edwards, Randy Fossum, Gene Gierke, Dawn Hamrick, Jim Lamb, Sharron Lindkvist, Jean Locke, Chuck McClung, Web Rhodes, Matt Ryan, Jean Sherbesman, Clinton Sperr, and JoAnne Wales.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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