

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“The water I give
will be an artesian spring within,
gushing fountains
of endless life.”

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"A Reflection on the Cross"

arr. MASON

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

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

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 42:1-2)

Liturgist

As a deer longs for flowing streams

so our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

THE LENTEN WREATH - LETTING GO OF MISERY

Marilyn Skold and Jane Elzerman

Misery comes in many forms: misery over a past wound; misery of a dead-end job or no job; misery over a relationship; misery because of an illness of mind, body or spirit; misery from grief, anxiety, or sadness. Often this misery is no fault of our own. Yet this sadness holds us back, prevents us from moving forward or living into the abundance God desires for us. We are called to let go of our jars of misery and embrace the living waters that only Christ can offer. *(Silence)*

As we extinguish this candle, we let go of our misery. We lay down our containers of despair and sadness and embrace a new future found in relationship with Christ. *(A candle is extinguished)*

God of hope and joy, help us to remember the promise that you are with us always. As we continue our journey toward the cross, remind us of your presence, and help our hearts to find rest in you. Amen

*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

As thirsty people wandering through the season of Lent, we seek God's forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession. Let us pray:

Reconciling God, compassionate Christ, sacred Spirit, we realize that we have often resembled enemy agents more than ministers of reconciliation. With angry words and vindictive actions we have harmed others. We have dehumanized people we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from people who disappoint us or remind us of our own human frailty. Forgive us, O God; lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw as close to each other as you drew to Christ. Help us to regard persons from the vantage point of the cross where all hostility was conquered, all forgiveness assured. Through Christ, we pray.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

God's love is sure and steadfast, always forgiving, always offering a way back to the Living Water. **Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude and faith, we will walk the way of the One who assuages our thirst.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The word of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"TITLE"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-42

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Leaving Our Baggage for Living Water"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Near the Cross"

arr. CARTER

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 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.

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

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.**

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God,...we sing the ageless hymn of your glor

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Eternal God...Almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

*(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands
and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.*

Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake.

As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup.

If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

COMMUNION HYMN 530

"One Bread, One Body"

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given
us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So
strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

***BENEDICTION (Responsive)**

Beloved people of God;
I invite you, in the name of Christ,
to continue to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on Gods' word.

**May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"An Irish Blessing"

TRADITIONAL

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand
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This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, Mar. 13 1:00 Lenten Discussion</p> <p>Tuesday, Mar. 14 2:00 Benzie Senior Resources Mtg 3:00 Disciple Bible Study Class</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 15 10:00 Knitting Group 10:00 Disciple Bible Study Class– via Zoom 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, March 17 10:30 Revelation Class 4:15 Mission MT Mtg</p> <p>Sunday, Mar. 19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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