

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

1st Sunday of Advent – February 18, 2024

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

by Mark Hayes

Katia Dinas, Pianist

◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 25:4-10)

Kurt Booth, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Make me know Your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: **Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

People: **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble His way.**

All: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.**

◆ **OPENING HYMN**

Come Thou Almighty King

GTG 2
ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION (Gen. 9:13)

God's bow has been hung in the clouds, a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We abuse your love, Eternal One, with our sinful ways, Like the unbelieving neighbors of Noah, who took lightly the consequences of sin, we too, feel safe in our worldly pleasures. Forgive us when we refuse to change our ways, unmoved by your patient and merciful love. Keep us in Your covenant, assured of your protection, but also responsible for our faithfulness to You as promised in our baptism. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith in this grace in which we now stand...You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This?

by Mark Hayes

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lam who is the great "I Am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
Yes, I will sing! Yes, I will sing to God!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!
I'll sing on! I'll sing on, sing on!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

The Rev. Bob Evans

"It's All About the Relationship!"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

GTG 166

ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

OFFERING

Offertory

Songs Without Words No. 46

by F. Mendelssohn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways.
Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation.
Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

GTG 263

CORONATION

◆ CHARGE & BLESSING

◆ CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GTG 541

RANDOLPH

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

◆ Stand as you are able GTG-Glory to God Hymnal STF-Sing the Faith

OPENING HYMN

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

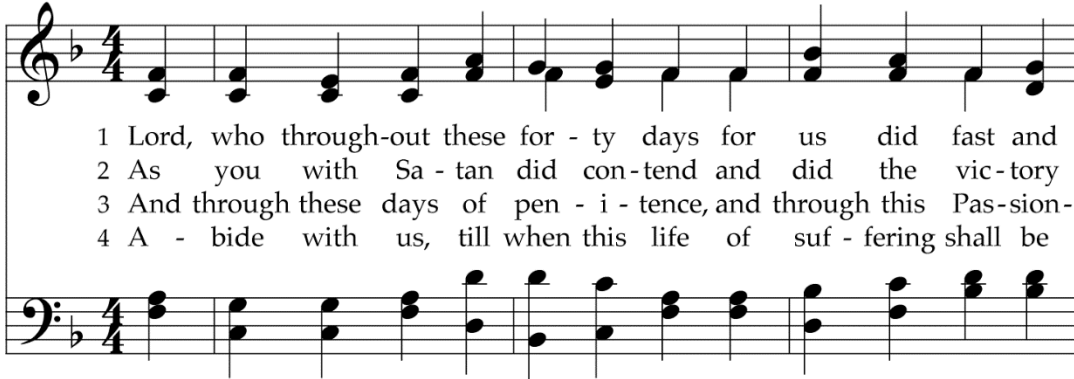
name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

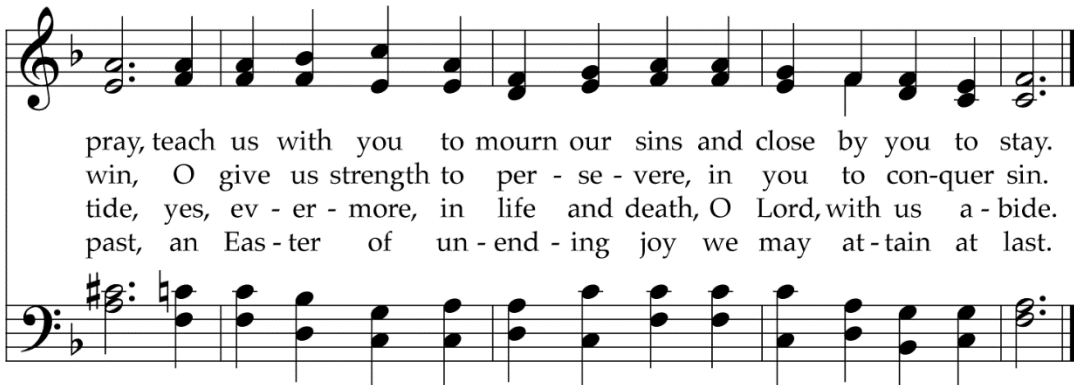
come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Lord, Who throughout These **166**
Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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Jessica Stottlemeyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

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Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

The Session

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*Nancy Smith, Worship and Music

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