

The Service for the Lord's Day

10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent



* *Please stand if you are able.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Worshippers are invited to prepare for worship with reflection and prayer.

Eternal God,
you are the power behind all things:
behind the energy of the storm,
behind the heat of a million suns.
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you are the power behind all minds:
behind the ability to think and reason,
behind all understanding of the truth.
Eternal God,
you are the power behind the cross of Christ:
behind the weakness, the torture and the death,
behind unconquerable love.
Eternal God,
we worship and adore you. Amen.

PRELUDE

Sydney Carter/arr. McCesney

Lord of the Dance

Chancel Handbell Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters:*

**People: Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.**

*Leader: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it?*

**People: God is making a way in the wilderness,
a river in the desert.
Let the people of the Lord sing God's praise.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 398

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Sue Thompson

* CONFESSION OF SIN *(together)*

Gracious God,
Your giving is without end;
but we struggle to receive all that you offer.
We misuse your gifts,
ignoring your intents,
and refusing your abundance.
We hoard what you would have us share,
and we throw away what you would have us keep.
Forgive us and help us discern your priorities.
Govern our hearts with your spirit,
so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel,
and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(prayers continue with silent confession)

* RESPONSE *(sung together)*



The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains two phrases of the Kyrie eleison text, each starting with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note on G4, then a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff continues the text, starting with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note on G4, then a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The final note is a quarter note on G4. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) is marked above the final phrase.

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* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* THE PEACE

Leader: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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WELCOME

Children are invited to come forward at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Adria Grace Law

daughter of Patricia Maureen and Eric McIver Law

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*together*)

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.

- The Apostles' Creed

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF WELCOME *(together)*

Thank you, Lord, for children and for the life they bring. Receive us, now, as we recall our own baptisms and rededicate ourselves in service. Teach us to welcome one another as you welcome little ones into your kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dramatic Tableaux

Matthew 26:6-16 (*Pew Bible pp. 29-30, N.T.*)

Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Church School.

SERMON

Dr. DeGarmo

Holy Wednesday:

A Leper, a Grateful Woman and a Traitorous Friend

* HYMN 339

Slane

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Rice

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Rick Isphording

Baltimore Station

CALL TO COMMITMENT

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OFFERTORY

Jane Griner/Daniel Gawthrop

Sing Me to Heaven

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets' gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices,

And my soul finds primal eloquence, and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God,

sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem

Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:

Sing me a love song, sing me to Heaven.

* DOXOLOGY (*together*)

Beach Spring

Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 84

Rathbun

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Michael W. Smith/ar. Hakes

How Majestic Is Your Name

LAST WEEK

Offerings received last week	\$ 13,097
Offerings received to date	\$ 13,097
Offerings budgeted for March	\$ 55,000
Attendance	287