



March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Bind Unto Myself Today

St. Patrick's Breastplate

* HYMN

168 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now,
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

* GREETING

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.
 Who forgives all your sins
 And heals all your infirmities;
Who redeems your life from the grave,
And crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of suffering and glory,
 in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life
 through the path of obedience.
 Inscribe your law in our hearts,
 that in life we may not stray from you,
 but may be your people. **Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world with out end.
Amen. Amen.

Meineke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament p. 898

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-12

response 2

UMH p. 785

Sung response: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment.

**Behold, I was born into iniquity,
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

Sung Response

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

Make me hear with joy and gladness;
let your bones which you have broken rejoice.

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

Sung Response

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and 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 sustain me in a willing spirit.

Sung Response

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 5:5-10

New Testament p. 267

* HYMN

472 Near to the Heart of God

McAfee

**1 There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.**

Refrain:

***O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.***

2 There is a place of comfort sweet,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where we our Savior meet,
 near to the heart of God.
(Refrain)

3 There is place a place of full release,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where all is joy and peace,
 near to the heart of God.
(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

New Testament p. 130

SERMON

The Son Who Brings All Together

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 881

**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 Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession,
 we join the beautiful work of reconciliation,
 which begins with our reconciling with God.

Trusting in our Partner in grace,
let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

All offer prayers of silent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

St. Patrick's Breastplate (ca. 389-461 AD.)

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch,
His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need:
the wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide,
His shield to ward;
the Word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all that love me,
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of Whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE 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 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. Amen.

* THE PEACE

OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God *text: Psalm 51:10*

Johannes Brahms

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

**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.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

415 Take Up Thy Cross

Germany

**1 "Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."**

**2 Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.**

**3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**4 Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Londonderry Air

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	The Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Stephanie Quattlebaum
Lay Reader	Carol Capers
Greeter	Alison Wright, Ulrike Artntz
Usher	Michael Young
Acolyte	Harrison Young
Crucifer	Alexandra Anderson
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Soloist	Sawyer Branham
Pianist	Larry Millen
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton
Microphone Operator	Allen Smith
Offering Counter	Becky Rogers

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2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$15,995
YTD Giving	\$76,895
YTD Other Income	\$534
YTD Expenses	\$101,802
Attendance 3/10	Sanctuary: 105 Online: 27

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