

MARCH 1, 2020

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10:45 AM

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until Good Friday leading up to Easter. The season represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness before his crucifixion. We extinguish one candle each Sunday to demonstrate our human frailty and how we put out the light of the Gospel in our daily lives.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

African-American Spiritual, arr. Louie Bailey

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
Jesus died on Calvary's mountain; he died alone for you and me.
O, nobody else could die for sinners; he had to die for you and me.
Jesus rose from death's dark prison; he lives again for you and me.
O, nobody else could bring us victory; he is alive to set us free.

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INVOCATION

Chris Conver

*HYMN OF PRAISE 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11

Annie Hammon

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN LITANY

As Christ did, we are called into the wilderness during these forty days.

Help us to confront our mortality and the darkness within us and around us.

Unlike Christ, we confess unto You that we often choose that which is not You to comfort us.

Forgive us, O Lord, for being led into temptation, for turning away from the path before us lit by Your light.

Yet, the light of Christ's love and grace constantly abide with us as we go.

We give You thanks, O Lord, that when we confess our failures unto you, you do not let us go and our pardon is assured.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

*HYMN OF LENT

Our Lord, You Were Sent

FOUNDATION

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;
God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way.
Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy;
You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

FORTY DAYS

Jason W. Crosby

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, as directed by an usher, please come down one of the center aisles to receive and partake of the bread and the cup; then return to your seat via the outside aisle.
If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Meditations on the Cross

arr. Albin Whitworth

In the Cross of Christ I Glory – Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Near the Cross

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea V. Woolley

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

CHORAL OFFERING

Come to the Table of the Lord

Patrick M. Leiberger

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Come, eat the bread at the table of the Lord; the bread of life shall set you free.
Come, eat the bread at the table of the Lord; on the cross my Savior died for me.
Come, drink the cup at the table of the Lord; his blood was poured at Calvary.
Come, drink the cup at the table of the Lord; now he lives! Proclaim the victory, he died for me!
As prophets long ago foretold, the Son of God we now behold;
He came to earth from God above, the King of love!
He gave his life at Calvary, he died for me! My Savior lives eternally!
Come, Christians, come to the table of the Lord; the bread and cup are here to share.
Come, Christians, come to the table of the Lord; be with him in his loving care.

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*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God, Creator, praise Christ, Redeemer, praise to the Spirit, ever near.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine. Amen.

Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, adapted by Louie Bailey, 2020

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church
to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on AZMON and FOUNDATION

Louie Bailey

* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

***A benevolence offering which is used for special needs among church members
and persons in our community will be taken at the doors following worship.***