

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

PRELUDE *O World, I Must Now Leave Thee, Op. 122, no. 3* Brahms (1833-1896)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our hearts.

People: **O God, in you we trust; do not let us be put to shame.**

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

People: **Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep your decrees.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* St. Flavian

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God, for we fail to live in the light of Your covenant. You set Your rainbow above us yet clouds of unbelief darken our days.

Distrust grows within us; fear, not hope, is our watchword. Your Son invites us to follow, but we are slow to obey. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. In Your mercy, renew us and bring us to life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

ANTHEM *What Does the Lord Require* Routley (1917-1982)

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON *A God you can work with.* Rev. Patrick Pettit

CLOSING HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days* Erhalt uns, Herr

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise,
For Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Then grant that we to you be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you;
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Epitaph, Op. 31 no. 4* Vierne (1870-1937)

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Ruby Schwab

Regency at Fishersville: Glennis Bear

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Maupin

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Marianne Beck, Bill Bromley (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzler (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon