

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Laetare Sunday – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Aria*

Bozza

Garrett Keene, saxophone

INTROIT

*Give Thanks to the Lord* (from Psalm 107)

M. Guimont

Ashley Phillips, soloist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 107:1-22

Leader: We give thanks to You, O LORD, for You are good, Your steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let all who are redeemed say so, all who have been redeemed from trouble.**

Leader: We cried to the LORD in our trouble, and God saved us from our distress;

**People: God sent out the word and healed us and delivered us from destruction.**

Leader: Let us thank the LORD for steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**People: And let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

Leader: Let all who are redeemed say so, all who have been redeemed from trouble.

**People: We give thanks to You, O LORD, for You are good, Your steadfast love endures forever.**

\*HYMN #466

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
verses 1 and 4

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God: we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not served You as You have commanded us; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By the grace of Christ, cleanse us from sin and make us strong. In His mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your most holy name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

*Drop, Drop, Slow Tears*

S. B. Owens

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**John 3:14-21**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"Loving Light, Loving Darkness, Loving the World"** Rev. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #100

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ROCKINGHAM

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**--Philippians 2:5-11**

**Christ Jesus, Though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to exploit, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name, that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God that Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*Voluntary on Rockingham*

G.S. Lang

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #85

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
verses 1 and 2

WONDROUS LOVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Oh, Suffering Jesus*

FANLANDIA/R. G. Huff

\*POSTLUDE

*Glory Be to Jesus*

H. Coleman

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

*Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.  
Welcome and Thank You to Garrett Keene, saxophone.*