

PEOPLE: But we, O LORD, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness. We have loved other gods before You and become their servants. We have not worshipped You in spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked Your glory in heaven. We have used Your name in vain and profaned Your reputation on earth. We have desecrated Your Sabbath because we have not trusted You to give us rest. We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings You wisely and righteously gave to others. O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept Your laws.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. —Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

#### “Jesus, Lover Of My Soul”

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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, ‘til life’s storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

#### GLOBAL OUTREACH

Vienna, Austria

#### GOD, THE GREAT GIVER, RECEIVES OUR GIFTS

We participate in giving as an answer and response to God’s bountiful kindness to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ—not as a means to obtain that kindness! Let us give from the abundance God has already given us!

“Psalm 23”  
Franz Schubert

#### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Grades K-2

#### GOD, THE LIVING WORD, SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

“...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”  
Romans 10:17

#### GOD, THE BLESSING GIVER, SENDS US OUT WITH HIS FAVOR

We leave now as God’s people with God’s blessing to enter God’s world. What confidence, what hope, what comfort we have in God through Christ and His Holy Spirit!

#### “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing/How Marvelous”

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739/Charles Gabriel

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

REFRAIN: How marvelous, how wonderful,  
And my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous, how wonderful,  
Is my Savior’s love for me.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the pris’ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

#### BENEDICTION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 20 & 21, 2010

#### OPENING MOMENT OF REFLECTION

This past week we observed Ash Wednesday together. As Robert Webber notes, “While the Ash Wednesday service marks out our spiritually for Lent, the worship of the following Sundays orders our spirituality in such a way that we are enabled to sustain the repentance to which we have been called (Ancient-Future Time).” Take time now to prepare your hearts for worship this First Sunday of Lent.

“Flute Sonata in Bb, Theme with Variations”  
Ludwig von Beethoven

#### WELCOME & GREETINGS

“Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection.” (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

#### GOD, THE SHEPHERD, GATHERS US, HIS FLOCK

Lenten worship invites us to look closer at the temptation of Christ, the call to deny our sin, and the healing and conversion of our souls. And yet never should we lose sight of Christ! Therefore, even as we mourn our sin, let us celebrate its cure...Jesus our beautiful Savior.

“Beautiful Savior”  
Stuart Townend

All my days I will sing this song of gladness  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights.  
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Chorus: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history.  
You’re the way, the truth, the life,  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness.  
You’re the risen One, heaven’s Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer  
I will sing of the Lamb that never fails.  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleared  
Of death defeated and life without end.

I long to be where the praise is never ending  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades.  
Where countless worshipers will share one song  
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb.

## **GOD, THE KING, CALLS FORTH OUR PRAISE**

The Apostles' Creed is an early statement of faith that helps the Church remember and hold fast to the teachings of the Bible. History has shown us that heresy has often come through addition or subtraction of these core teachings. The Apostles', along with the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, make up the three main ecumenical statements of faith, that is, statements of faith to which the entire Historical, Global Church ascribes.

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*LEADER: Do you believe in God the Father?*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*LEADER: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*LEADER: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

ALL: 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.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR LENT

*LEADER: Let us pray.*

ALL: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*“Thy Mercy, My God, Is The Theme Of My Song”*

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Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

CHORUS: Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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## **GOD, THE TRUTH, GUIDES US FROM HIS WORD**

*READER 1: O Lord, don't rebuke me in Your anger  
or discipline me in Your rage.*

PEOPLE: Have compassion on me, Lord, for I am weak.  
Heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.

*READER 2: I am sick at heart.  
How long, O Lord, until You restore me?  
Return, O Lord, and rescue me.  
Save me because of Your unfailing love.*

*READER 1: For the dead do not remember You.  
Who can praise You from the grave?  
I am worn out from sobbing.  
All night I flood my bed with weeping,  
drenching it with my tears.*

ALL: My vision is blurred by grief;  
my eyes are worn out because of all my enemies.  
Go away, all you who do evil,  
for the Lord has heard my weeping.

*READER 1: The Lord has heard my plea;  
the Lord will answer my prayer.  
May all my enemies be disgraced and terrified.  
May they suddenly turn back in shame.*

*READER 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*  
ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **GOD, THE JOY OF HEARTS, HEARS OUR PRAISES**

*“All Must Be Well”*

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Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well,  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

*“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*

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Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

CHORUS: You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,  
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

## **GOD, THE GRACIOUS FATHER, INVITES US TO HONESTY**

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against Him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following His laws which He set before us. Daniel 9:9, 10  
A LENTEN CONFESSION FROM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS  
*LEADER: O LORD, our God who brought His people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin, You have been faithful to keep all the promises of Your covenant.*