



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Abide With Me"

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* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who have wandered, and you who have been found. Come, you who have looked diligently and you who never noticed anything was different. Come, you who have stumbled and you who have tripped up others, too.

People: We come to enter this holy season, to become again like children, to unlearn the manipulations of this world and to look through the lens of love, grace, and trust in God.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 169)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

* Gospel Lesson

Rev. Nathan Huguley

Matthew 18:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Homily

Rev. Nathan Huguley

Burning of the Palms

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 51:1-3

Hymn of Response, No. 493

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

ADELAIDE

Discipline of Confession with Silence

Hymn of Confession, No. 235

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

Assurance of Pardon

The Sign of Ashes

From ancient times Christians have on this day searched their hearts and sought to be cleansed from sin. They have sought reconciliation with God and with one another. They have received ashes marked on their foreheads as a sign of sin's disfigurement and of their own mortality.

Prayer over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Frederick C. Atkinson/Mark Hayes

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* Hymn of Sending, (CONG 168)

"I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ"

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Postlude

"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

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Stories of Clarity. Stories of Grace.

Lenten Worship Series

This Lenten season, we will continue our journey through the pages of Matthew. Specifically, we will explore many of the parables that Jesus told in the last days before his crucifixion. He knew that the time before his death was growing short, and so his teaching grew urgent. The parables that he told were clear and direct, and yet they were filled with grace. Join us as we enter this season of reflection, hearing Jesus' words with fresh ears, and with a new sense of urgency.

February 26 (First Sunday in Lent) Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18.15-35)

March 5 (Second Sunday in Lent) Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

March 12 (Third Sunday in Lent) Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22.1-14) - (Baptist Women in Ministry Month Preacher Toni Page preaching)

March 19 (Fourth Sunday in Lent) Parable of the Bridesmaids (Matthew 25.1-13)

March 26 (Fifth Sunday in Lent) Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)

April 2 (Palm/Passion Sunday) Triumphal entry and Cleansing of the Temple (Matthew 21.1-17)

April 6 (Maundy Thursday) Words of Institution (Matthew 26:17-30)

***Join the Lenten Bible Study**, Tuesday's Feb. 28 - April 4 , 11:30 a.m. Sojourners classroom or on Zoom. We will study Amy-Jill Levine's book "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Please contact the church office if you would like a book ordered for you.