

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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The Order of Service

Please Rise

Instructions for the Beginning of Lent

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Confession of Sins

P: Most holy and merciful Father,
C: **We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault, by our own grievous fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

P: Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

P: Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

P: Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Absolution

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

Congregation Hymn "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow"
Christian Worship #109



1 When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will
2 Oh, what a mar - v'ulous of - f'ring! Be - hold, the
3 My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can
4 There - fore I will for - ev - er Give thanks con



look to you And hence my com - fort bor - row
Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their suf - f'ring
harm me none Since Je - sus' blood - y pas - sion
tin - ual - ly, O Je - sus, lov - ing Sav - ior,



That you were slain for me. Your pre - cious
And grief for them he bears. Our God comes
For me God's grace has won. His blood my
For what you did for me. I'll spend my



blood was of - fered For me, oh, most un -
down from heav - en; For me, his guilt - y
debt has can - celed; Of hell and all its
breath in prais - es For your sad cry, your



wor - thy, To take a - way my guilt.
crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.
tor - ments I am no more a - fraid.
suf - f'ring, Your wounds, your guilt - less death.

Congregation Hymn "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"
Christian Worship #98



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your
4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science
5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow
flic - tion, Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness
pas - sion, But its cause to me make known
grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;
griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love
And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge
And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and
Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -
By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fuse



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -
and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them
my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed
ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me
to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing your praise forever.

The Sermon John 18:1-8

**“Jesus Showed Us the Full Extent of His Love...
In His Treatment of the Twelve in the Garden”**

^{18:1} When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. ⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" ⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶ When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."

Junior Choir Anthem “I Praise the God of Grace” (3:30pm)

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul, not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. I praise the God of grace! I trust His truth and might! He calls me His, I call Him mine. My God! My Joy! My Light! Your voice alone, O Lord, and speak to me of grace, Your pow’r alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase. I praise the God of grace! I trust His truth and might! He calls me His, I call Him mine. My God! My Joy! My Light! Your work alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. I praise the God of grace! I trust His truth and might! He calls me His, I call Him mine; My God! My Joy! My Light!

Senior Choir Anthem..... “God of Grace” (6:30pm)

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free, O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul; His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole. God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began, sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man; God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I’m accepted as His own; ev’ry day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone. God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears confounded, and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I’ll see Your face; and forever I’ll adore You in Your everlasting grace. And forever I’ll adore You, in Your everlasting grace.

The Offering & Offering Prayer

*As the offering is gathered, we invite everyone to sign the Friendship Registers.
Please Rise*

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

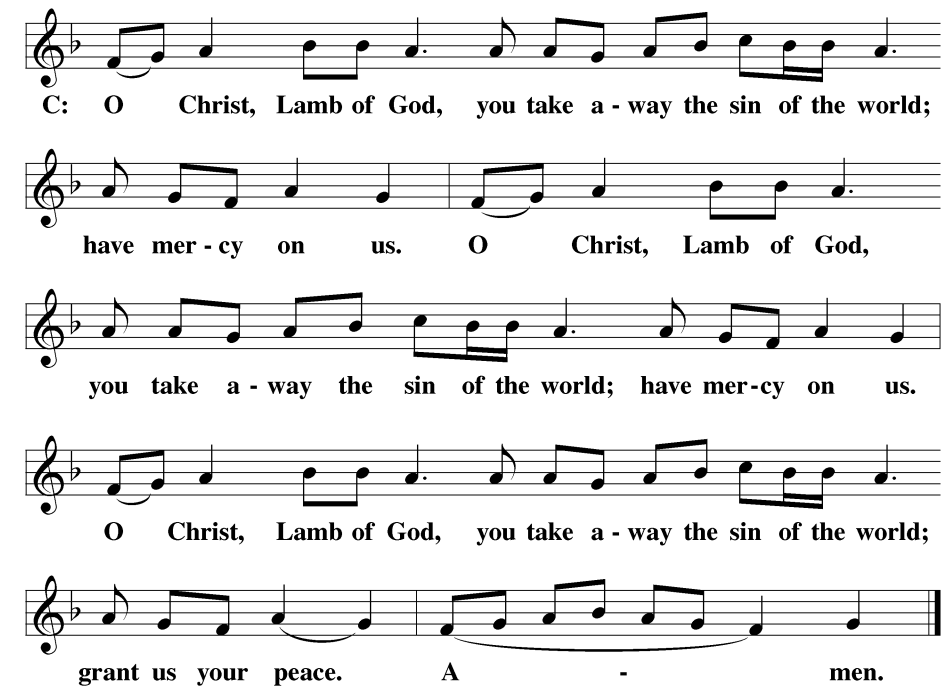
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Agnus Dei



Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.

Distribution Hymn“In Adam We Have All Been One”
Christian Worship #396



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One
 2 We fled our God, and los - ing him, We
 3 But your strong love, it sought us still And
 4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, You
 5 Send us your Spir - it; teach us truth To



huge re - bel - lious man; We all have fled that
 lost our broth - er too. Each sin - gly sought and
 sent your on - ly Son That we might hear his
 loved and saved us all; O great good Shep - herd
 purge our van - i - ty. From fan - cied wis - dom,



eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
 claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
 shep - herd - voice And, hear - ing him, be one.
 of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.
 self - sought ways, O Sav - ior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To your eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit you are one.

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THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Worship Participants

Preacher Pastor Wayne Shevey
 WLC Campus Pastor
 Liturgist Pastor Brian Adams
 Organist..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen
 Choir Director..... Mrs. Marie Becker

Midweek Lent 2015

Jesus Showed Us the Full Extent of His Love...

Feb. 18 – “In His Treatment of the Twelve in the Garden” – John 18:1-8 (Pastor Wayne Shevey)
 Feb. 25 – “In His Treatment of the High Priest & Governor – John 18:19-24, 33-38 (Pastor Dan Marshall)
 March 4 – “In His Treatment of the Twelve” – John 13:1-17 (Pastor Bob Gurgel)
 March 11 – “In His Treatment of Peter” – John 13:31-38 (Pastor Brian Adams)
 March 18 – “In His Treatment of Judas” – John 13:18-30 (Pastor Brian Adams)
 March 25 – “In His Treatment of the Troubled” – (Pastor Unnasch)