



**Worship Bulletin**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 22, 2020**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Rick Massengale, piano

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 103*

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
**who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.**

**\*HYMN 103**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light;  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Creed of 2020 Confirmation Class*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**We believe in the grace of God.**

**God has sent his son who died on the cross for our sins.**

**We believe Jesus Christ is our savior,  
and through him we welcome everyone.**

**We believe in faith, hope, forgiveness, love and faithfulness.**

**These are the first fruits of everlasting life.**

**We believe that love grows bigger and wider and continues to prevail.**

**We believe the Holy Trinity has great things in store for us.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

**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. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Take My Life*

Frances Havergal, Carl Nygard, Jr.

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my voice and let me sing, always only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Always, only, for my King.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

The Rev. Carson Thaxton  
Director of Children & Family Ministry

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*James 1:17-27*

Rev. Lawrence

*"<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.*

*<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Uphold: Service*

Dr. Martin

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who live in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Billy Arnold   | Annelle Burch   | Margaret Grainger | Martha Segars  |
| Van Askew      | Quentin Cash    | Martha Hale       | Mabel Wilbanks |
| Carolyn Broady | Richard Clayton | Doris Kerlin      | Brad Wilkinson |
| Ken Broady     | Suzan Cole      | Lurlene Perry     |                |

In Memoriam  
Ben Free  
March 16, 2020

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**  
Anne Free and family upon the death of her husband, Ben Free, on March 16.

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