Sunday, March 19, 2023, 9:30 am Lent 4

*Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 6

One: Worthy of praise from every mouth,

All: worthy of confession from every tongue,

One: worthy of worship from every creature,

All: is Your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

One: For You created the world in Your grace,

All: and by Your compassion You saved the world.

One: To Your majesty, O God,

ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore,

All: singing and praising without ceasing, and saying:

One: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;

All: heaven and earth are full of Your praises.

*Songs: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—mount of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above. Robert Robinson Public Domain

"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

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1 Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless; before His people gathered here His name will I confess. Come, praise Him, all who fear the Lord, the children of His grace; with reverence sound His glories forth and bow before His face.

2 The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise; He has not turned from those who mourn, He listens to their cries. His goodness makes me join the throng where saints His praise proclaim, and there will I fulfill my vows with those who fear His name.

3 He feeds with good the humble soul and satisfies the meek, and they shall live and praise the Lord who for His mercy seek. The ends of all the earth will hear, the nations seek the Lord; they worship Him, the King of kings, in earth and heaven adored. BOVINA, Laura A. Tate

^{*}God's Greeting

Worship Choir: "Written in Red"

Responsive Reading of the Law with Words from the Gospels

One: You shall have no other gods before Me.

All: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

One: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

All: God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

One: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

All: "Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is His footstool.

Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

One: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

All: The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

One: Honor your father and your mother.

All: For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

One: You shall not murder.

All: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

One: You shall not commit adultery.

All: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

One: You shall not steal.

All: For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, theft...These are what make a man "unclean."

One: You shall not give false testimony.

All: For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your

words you will be condemned.

One: You shall not covet.

All: Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his

possessions.

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

1 God, be merciful to me; on Your grace I rest my plea.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.

Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2 I have sinned against Your grace and provoked You to Your face.

I confess Your judgment just; speechless, I Your mercy trust.

Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Your voice.

3 Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.

Do not cast me from Your sight nor remove Your Spirit's light.

Your salvation's joy restore, make me steadfast evermore.

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Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 51

Open my lips, Lord,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart

You, God, will not despise.

Offering

Song during the offering:

"Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art— Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; Thine own may I be, Thou in me dwelling and I one with Thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne Public Domain

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Matthew 21:12-17

Sermon: "Monday"

Prayer

*Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

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

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

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