

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#123 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

March 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction** We Shall Walk

Traditional Spiritual

We shall walk with each other in the valley of peace,
we shall walk with each other in peace.
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk with each other in peace.

There will be no hunger, there will be no fear,
there will be no sorrowing there.
And if Jesus himself will be our leader,
there will be no sorrowing there.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

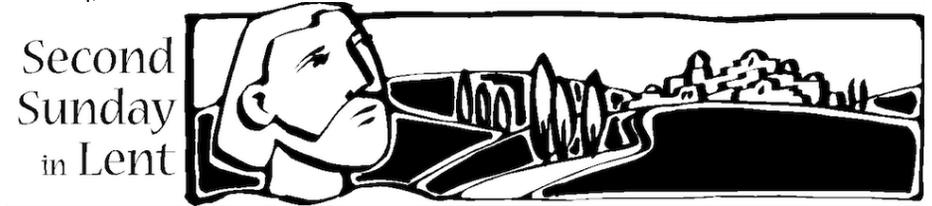
Praeludium and Fugue in G Minor

N. Bruhns

****Please stand, as you are able.***

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Worship Leadership – Dr. Anne Bellamy, Kathy Brown; Greeters/Ushers - Vicki & Sid deHaan; Readers – Ruby Thielmann, Ann Magnusson; Sound – Tom Bonham

Music and words for the Doxology and the Congregational Amen are found on the laminated sheet in the pew rack.



PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622
(O People, Weep of Your Sins)

J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Kyrie Eleison

arr. P. Merritt / C. Dyck

*Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison*

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#63 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

DUKE STREET

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Genesis 12, John 3)

God of salvation,
you shower us with love,
yet we turn away from your blessing.
It is just so easy to complain!
There are little annoyances each day,
but we let them pile up into a mountainous burden
that becomes a curse on our lives.
Free us from our unwise choices, O God.
When we are distracted and confused,
bring us back to your love.
During this Lenten journey, draw our hearts to you,
that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us
through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray...

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE (please remain seated)

#375 Lord, Have Mercy (sing 3x)

J. M. Talbot

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei; adaptation of Isaiah 53)

J. Reim

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

With Your stripes we are healed.
The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all.
The chastisement of our peace was upon You.
You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.
You were despised and we esteemed you not.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Page 10-11, first half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 121)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**Many: My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

One: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Many: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

Many: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#117 There is a Redeemer

M. Green

(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#181 Of the Father’s Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17

Page 96, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

SERMON

Dr. Anne Bellamy

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Minuet in E-flat Major

G.F. Handel, transcribed, M. Munz

***Doxology**

**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.**

***Prayer of Gratitude**