

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 9, 2025 3:00 p.m.



first sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

M. Logozar

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

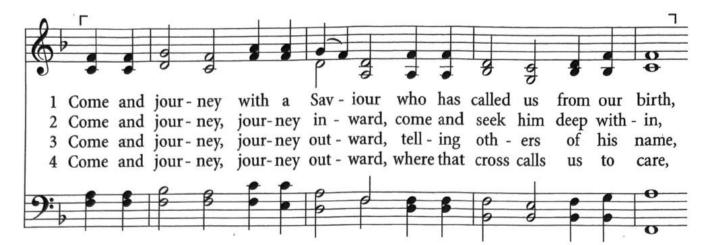
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

BEACH SPRING

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5 Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer. In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. Refrain 6 Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain

*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 (Adapted from R. Keefs)

Forgive us when...
we think only the rich deserve good food
and blame those who are hungry for their unhealthy choices.

Remind us that...

all people deserve access to nourishing foods and people go hungry because of oppressive systems we create and sustain.

Forgive us when...

we worship, idolize, or admire those with wealth and power and blame our neighbors who live without their daily needs being met.

Remind us that...

we are created in Love, with Love, for Love and you ask us to Love our neighbors as ourselves without exception.

Forgive us when...

we abdicate responsibility for oppression, war, hatred, and violence and wait for you to fix what we have broken.

Remind us that...

You are with us when we fight against tyranny and oppression and that your Love embraces those we marginalize, dehumanize, devalue, and neglect.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Read from the NRSV Bible

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (By F. Pratt)

God, in this season of Lent

we quiet our souls

that we may see more clearly the One our hearts long for.

We ask, seek, and knock

that our prayers may be answered

and our longing fulfilled.

We acknowledge that so much of faith-life involves waiting

for the voice of God to speak

for the Spirit of God to move

for the fullness of Your kingdom to come

for Christ's return

for the world to be made new

for justice and peace to become ordinary

for love to become the world's motivation.

We acknowledge that even as we wait, you are working

redeeming the earth

redeeming people

confirming Your love.

As Christ waited three days in a tomb

so do we wait for resurrection life.

We wait in faith,

that You are even now giving us new life.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

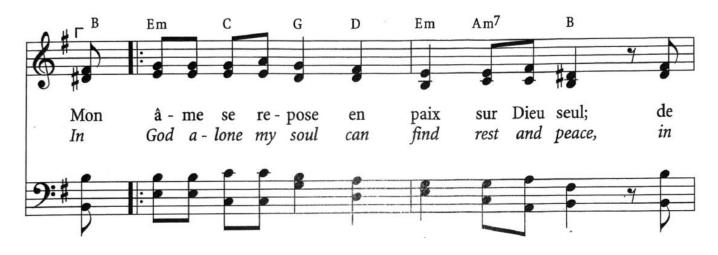
All creation waits for the Lord.

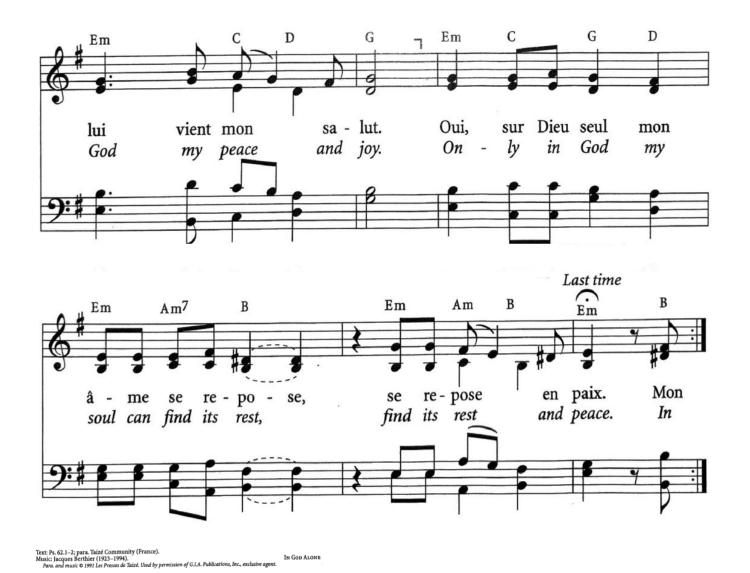
Amen

*HYMN OF PEACE

#563 In God Alone My Soul

Taizé Community





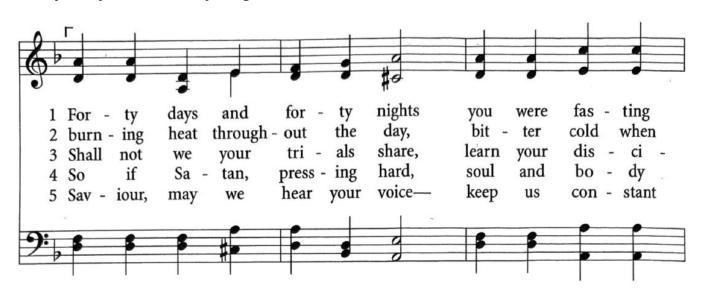
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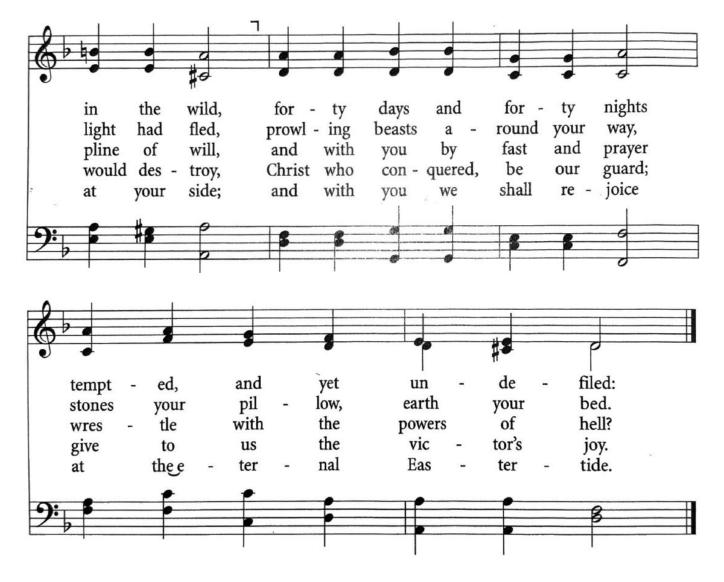
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN





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HEINLEIN (AUS DER TIEFE)

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SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Randal Rauser

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Gabriel's Oboe

E Morricone

Stephane Fagnan, cello

*New Doxology
Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.
*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH





*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

Dona nobis pacem

Traditional round

*The Sending of the Community

* Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on St George's Windsor

J. Payne

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Rev. Amanda Strain; Writing Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre; Scripture Readers - Pam Beavan, Louise Adnams Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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- FBC Council