



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Dernier Kyrie" F. Couperin (1632-1701)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions" William Lloyd (1791-1853)

Gathering as the Children of God

One: Eternal and ever present God,

All: *sustain and excite our gathered community;*

One: arouse our expectancy;

All: *subdue our expectations.*

One: Come, silent Spirit, and embrace us.

All: *Let the words we see and hear and speak and sing be transformed by the Word made flesh, that our worship may be wholly ours, Lord God.*

† Hymn #181 "Come Sing to God" ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.*Silent Confession....Amen.*

Choral Response "Kyrie Eleison"

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Congregational Response "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 30

pg. 478

Liturgist reads odd verses; Congregation reads even verses

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 6:1-10

pg. 180

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Don't Grow Weary"

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

RESPONSE

† Hymn #357

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

† Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Amy Kiley, Soprano

arr. John Jacob Niles

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
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 Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time...who forever sing to the glory of your name: **(sung by Choir)**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: You are holy, O God... For Great is the mystery of faith: **(sung by Choir)**

*Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.*

Prayers of the People...concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

† Closing Hymn #386	"O for a World"	AZMON
† Benediction		
† Choral Response	"Amen"	Traditional Danish
† Postlude	"O Sacred Head"	J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Upcoming Events:

March 8		Daylight Saving (forward 1 hour)
March 8-15		Family Promise
March 9-13		MVP School Spring Break
March 15	10:00 a.m.	APNC Listening Session—Kirk Center
March 21		Dinner with Friends

Worship Participants for March 1, 2020

Guest Preacher - Rev. Dr. Aisha Brooks-Lytle	Guest Organist - Justin Bowen
Director of Music - Matthias Young	Liturgist - Rev. Barrett Abernethy



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