

Mid-week Lenten Service

7 PM

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Fourth Week of Lent: Mid-week Service

7:00 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We come to this place because we want to know God,

P: who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.

L: We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,

P: who anoints us with the resurrection, who shares our lives with us.

L: We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,

P: who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!

OPENING HYMN NO. 23 (black hymnal)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy²

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Almighty God, we confess that at times, even when we do our best, we fail. We are not perfect. We sometimes do not recognize when our words or actions, even when we mean well, can cause harm. We miss signs and cues from others. Call us into accountability and show us mercy. Instill in our hearts kindness and compassion, for others and ourselves. Teach us how to forgive well, in ways that protect ourselves from further harm, but extend the same mercy You have extended to us. Forgive us when we have failed to notice the harm we have caused, and help us to correct our faults and make amends as best as we are able. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS, see p. 4)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

by Johnston

SCRIPTURE

John 3: 16-17~God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

John 8: 3-11~The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?" They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger. They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?" She said, "No one, sir." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore."

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TOGETHER WE LEARN AND DISCERN

TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 423 (black hymnal)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

¹<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

²<http://rev-o-lution.org/2019/03/22/worship-resources-for-march-31-2019-fourth-sunday-of-lent/>

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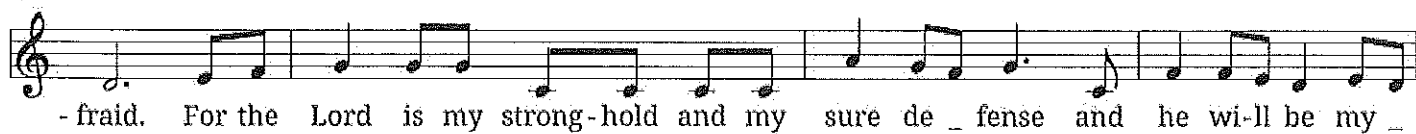
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The First Song of Isaiah

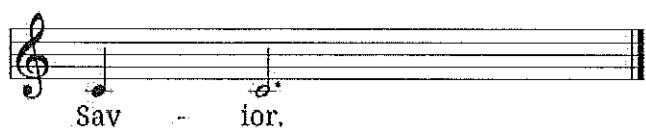
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest;
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

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HYMN NO. 423 GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS continued

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!"

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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