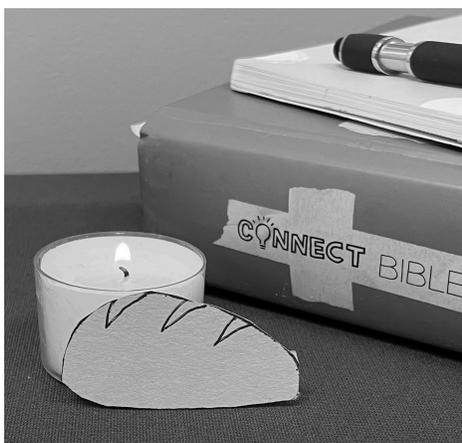


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The tempter came and said to him,
"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
But [Jesus] answered,
"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:3-4)



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday of Lent | March 20, 2022

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

❖ **Called by God We Gather** ❖

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence in our midst.)

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Hymn

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

OPENING SENTENCES

Return to the Lord with all your heart, **for God is gracious and merciful**
Draw near to God **and God will draw near to you.**
Let us draw near and worship the God of love.

*HYMN *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* OLD HUNDREDTH

***Awake, my soul, and with the sun your daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay your morning sacrifice***

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, alt. PD MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (based on Psalms 51)

Merciful God, you made us, and you know us through and through.
Best – and most wonderful of all – you love us – no matter what.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

... that even we ourselves do not know. And still – yes, still you love us.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

... Now in the silence, we pray. (*Silent confessions*)

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun, verse 2

Lord, I my vows to you renew.

Disperse my sins as morning dew;

guard my first springs of thought and will,

and with yourself my spirit fill.

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

We know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, forgiven, and renewed! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun, verse 3

Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.

❖ To Hear God's Word of Grace ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-4, Matthew 6:16-18

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

arr. Randy Warner

Instrumental Setting: Lynn Auman & Chad Hammer (8:30AM)

Choral Setting: Chancel Choir; Molly Frederick, conductor (11:00AM)

(See hymn #718 to follow the text.)

SERMON

"Fasting"

Rev. Laura Viau

❖ To Respond in Faith with Gratitude ❖

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

The Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

*LITANY BASED ON ISAIAH 58 AND CLOSING HYMN

God of justice, God of life, in this season of Lent, we remember the work that you call us to do:

"Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (58:6)

Recall us to your promise and make us people of memory.

(Sung to, "Amazing Grace")

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, ...**

TEXT: H. Ken Carmichael, 1985. MUSIC: Columbian Harmony, 1829. PD Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael. CCLI: #1660168

God of Justice, God of life, inspire us and incite us with your call
and your promise:

**"Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice
... is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the
homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover
them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?" (58:6-7)**

Recall us to your promise and make us people of memory.

"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn." (58:8a)

(Sung to, "Amazing Grace")

**To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC

"Spiritoso" from Sonata No. 2

Georg Philipp Telemann



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