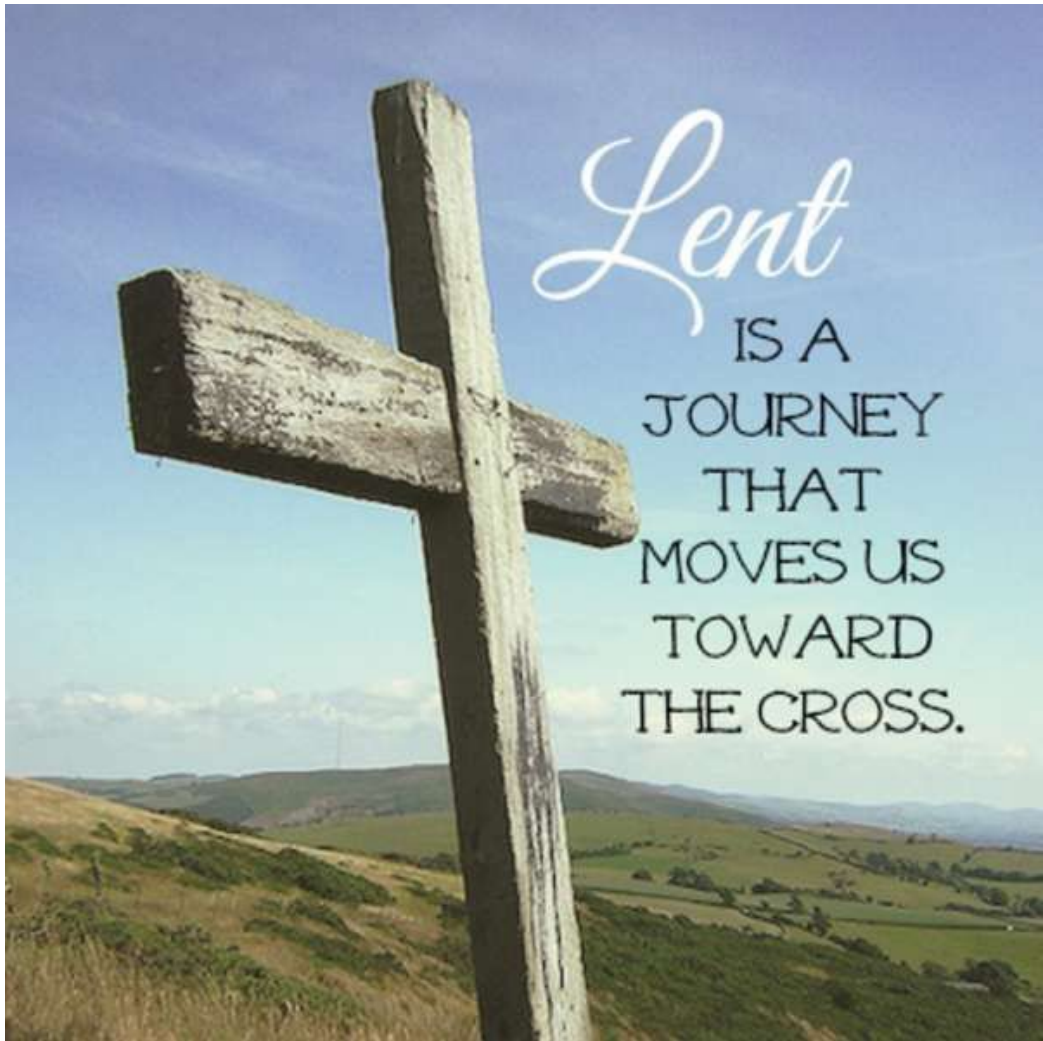


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## Lent 4 Evening Prayer and Communion

March 13, 2024

7:00 PM

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**PRELUDE**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Nadia Carmichael, Pianist

J. B. Dykes

**WELCOME**

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*James 4:8, 10*)

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and God will exalt you.**

O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

**Help us to be humble and to seek your way.**

+ **OPENING HYMN**

*Nothing Can Trouble*

**820**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

When Jesus was born, he came to world filled with poverty, and violence, and fear. He lived among people who did not always walk their walk perfectly, which is to say, Jesus was no stranger to sin. Our sin comes as no surprise to him. His love and mercy should come as no surprise to us. Therefore, let us make our confession before God and one another, praying together. . .

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, and growing in our faith. Help us to place ourselves in your care. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

*(A Time of Silent Confession)*

**KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*  
Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**551**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42 NRSV

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SILENT MEDITATION *(Let us take a moment to dwell on these words.)*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**435**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row. Know that ALL are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

## THE 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 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### + COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music During Communion                      *Jesus Remember Me*                      227

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN                                      *Christ Be Beside Me*                                      702

### + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please leave prayerfully and in silence.*

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

March 13, 20

Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM

Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM

Creative Kids Club 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

March 24, 2024 Palm-Passion Sunday

One worship service - 10 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM

March 29, 2024 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10 AM - 2:30 PM

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday Worship - Communion

Traditional Worship Service 8:30 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45/11:15 AM

Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM

252 Kids Club 9:45 AM

Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 AM Worship Service