

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Ubi Caritas*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Durufle

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Call to Worship

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm upon the holy mountain!  
**Let everyone tremble, for the day of the Lord is near.**  
Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn #81

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

St. Flavian

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.**

**As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over-past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!**

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## ~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**By the illumination of your Holy Spirit, O God, open our hearts that we may hear your Word and amend our lives; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

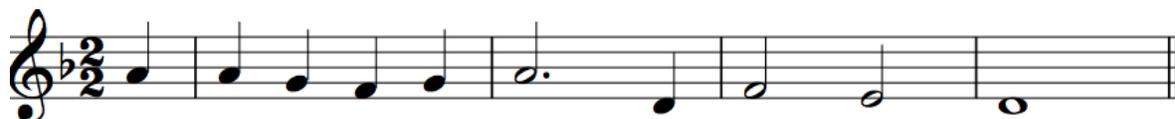
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



Eat this bread. Drink this wine. At this table you will find  
there is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.  
Lay your cares and burdens here. You are free, no need to fear.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Earthly signs of Love divine.  
We remember what they mean, and so we feast, and are made clean.  
At this table you will find there is more than bread and wine.  
There is food to feed the soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

## Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

### Litany of Penitence

Let us pray.

**Most holy and merciful God,  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

our self-indulgent appetites and ways,

our exploitation of other people,

our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,

our dishonesty in daily life and work,

our negligence in prayer and worship,

our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, Lord,

for the wrongs we have done:

for our blindness to human need and suffering,

our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

For all false judgments,

for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation,

and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### ~The Sending~

Hymn #85

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Wondrous Love

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

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## Benediction

Postlude

*Abide With Me*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Robert Hobby

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