

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
“What Wondrous Love Is This”
“The Power of the Cross”

Wilbur Held
Richard A. Nichols
Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Jesu, Priceless Treasure” (8:40)

J. S. Bach

Jesu, priceless treasure, thou my heart's true pleasure, truest friend to me. Ah, how long I've waited, and my heart hath fainted, waiting, Lord, for thee! Lamb of God, O spotless Lamb! I will suffer naught to hide thee, naught I ask beside thee.

“Jesus Christ Is with Us” (11:00)

Jesus Christ is with us, he is here, hallelujah, he is here. We'll bring praises to him on his throne, hallelujah, on his throne.

For his love makes us one with the Lord, hallelujah, with the Lord.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Repentance: Ephesians 5:1-7 (pg. 1819)

The Prayer of Confession:

Search me, O God, and know my heart
try me and know my thoughts;
see if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil. Our greed is disguised as determination or thriftiness. Tear down the self-deception of our heart, and nurture a spirit of generosity toward you and our neighbor. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in your service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

time of silent confession concluded with...

“Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy”

LUYH 635

Sing twice in Greek, the second time *a cappella*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics in Greek and English, and a piano accompaniment line. The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The third system concludes the piece. Chord symbols (E, B7, A, E/B) are indicated above the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Greek: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. English: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

The Lord will not always treat us as our sins deserve. He knows how we are formed. He remembers that we are dust.

Jesus Christ came to the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross. Thanks be to God for his amazing grace.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 354
“Lord, I Gladly Trust in You”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

(Children, 4s, K-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship)

The Call to Prayer: “Standing in the Need of Prayer” (11:00)
African American Spiritual

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain: It's me, (it's me,) it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray” (8:40) Percy Whitlock
Jesu, grant me this I pray, ever in thy heart to stay; let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill, naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee; dying let me still abide, in thy heart and wounded side. Amen.

“The Lamb” (11:00) Gerald Patrick Coleman
The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven his praise to sing. (Refrain)

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill. So still, his will on our behalf the law to fill. (Refrain)

He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, he gives me his own righteousness. (Refrain)

He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong 'till every heart to him belong. (Refrain)

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The Offertory: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” Phillip Keveren
Hence all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.

The Offering:

Today's offering is for Safe Haven Ministries and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund. (Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

*The Doxology:

**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**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:6-18 (pg. 287)
Philippians 2:5-8 (pg. 1824)

The Sermon: “**SEVEN DEADLY SINS: GREED**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 356***
“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Robert Hebble
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Rev. Peter Jonker –minister
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Calin Muresan – cellist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (8:40)

Youth Ensemble, Bill VanEe – director, pianist (11:00)

Tom and Laurie Bosma – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Lisa and Emily Beidler – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Today, **Peter Nortier** is being honored by his son, **Steve**, with the flowers in the chancel.

Music at LaGrave (8:40): *Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray* is a 17th-century poem translated by English minister and hymn writer Sir Henry William Baker (1821-1877). The poem is especially appropriate for the season of Lent as the conclusion of each verse prayerfully bids that we may “abide in Christ’s wounded side.” English organist and composer Percy Whitlock (1903-1946) created a simple, introspective, and ethereal choral anthem based on this poem featuring arching melodic lines and a beautiful concluding Amen, ending the minor mode piece in major.

The February special offering is for Safe Haven Ministries which provides domestic violence services. Their residential and non-residential services are available to women and their children who have experienced or who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Tonight Rev. Jonker will preach from Matthew 15. His sermon is titled: “Seven Baskets of Bread.”