

**March 1, 2020**

*First 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:

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

J. S. Bach

“Jesus Paid It All”

Albin Whitworth

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain — he washed it white as snow.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God So Loved the World” from *The Crucifixion* John Stainer  
*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* John 3:16

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1,3,5,6

“Lift High the Cross”

*(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 Confession: Romans 6:20-23

The Prayer of Confession

*Concluded by a time of silence followed by:*

*Sung by woman and girls*

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

*Sung by men and boys*

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

*Sung by all*

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness:

A broken spirit and a contrite heart our God will not despise.

**God showed his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

On the cross, he washed away our sin and freed us from our shame.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus. We give our lives to you.**

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts: 170:1,2,3,5

“Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

\*The Passing of the Peace:

Jesus has assured us that we are forgiven! As we prepare to come to the Lord's table, let us demonstrate the unity we have in him.

**There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** (Galatians 3:28)

Jesus says: If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or your sister has something against you, first go and be reconciled to them, then come offer your gift.

Let us acknowledge our unity in Christ by turning to our neighbor and saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

*(We share the peace by saying to one another, “**The peace of Christ be with you.**” While it is customary to shake hands during the passing of the peace, if you have a cold, or if you are worried about getting a cold, simply clasp your hands together as you say the words of blessing and your neighbor will understand.)*

*After the passing of the peace, the children will go to their church school classes.*

***(Children, 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade, may leave for Children's Worship)***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “An Offering” (8:40)

Dan Forrest

*O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld, but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled. What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss; that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?*

*Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride what you, who gave yourself for me, now bid me lay aside? To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice, a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.*

*Yet, if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost, teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost. A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face, my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.*

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“There is a Green Hill Far Away” from *St. John*

*Passion* (11:00)

Bob Chilcott

*There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.*

*He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.*

*O dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his will to do.*

### ***God Speaks to Us***

The Scripture: Romans 3:19-26 (pg. 1748)

The Sermon: **“PROCLAIMING THE LORD'S DEATH: HE BECAME SIN FOR US”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 172:1-3

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”

*Sing vs. 2 a cappella*

### ***We Celebrate the Lord's Supper***

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

*(As we receive the bread, the congregation will sing the following hymn. During the passing of the wine, please mediate as the organ plays (8:40) or as the choir sings (11:00).*

“Come, You Disconsolate”

- 1. Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.**
- 2. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying, “Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure.”**
- 3. Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.**

The Communion Anthem (11:00)

“Agnus Dei,” from *Mass of the Holy Trinity* Jonathan Tuuk  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.*

The Offering and Thank-Offering

*Today's offering is for the LaGrave General Fund, the Benevolence Fund, and Mel Trotter Ministries. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund. As we give for these causes, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.*

*(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)*

### ***We Go in His Peace***

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: “Toccata on Hyfrydol” (I Will Sing of My

Redeemer)

J. Christopher Pardini

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)

Becca & Hannah VandeGriend – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

Hattie Patterson and Cyndi Post – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

### **Music at LaGrave**

Bach's Lenten choral prelude based on *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* has hidden symbolism in the number three: the piece is divided into three parts, representing the Trinity; the piece is in triple meter, and the key signature is in three sharps (the sharp sign (#) also represents the cross). The choral melody begins in the soprano voice, then moves to the tenor, and then to the bass (pedals) in the final, exuberant section.

**The March special offering** is for Mel Trotter Ministries – a shelter for individuals and families with services including: day center, meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, and case management.

**Tonight** Reverend Manion will preach on Obadiah 1, and her sermon is titled: “A Tale of Two Brothers.”

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).