

March 8, 2020

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:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Johann Peter Kellner

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Diane Bish

I love thee because thou has first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (8:40)

Throughout these Lenten days and nights, we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

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“Lamb of God” (11:00)

Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood – my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 137

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

(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: Luke 18:9-14

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Concluded by a time of silence followed by:

Sung by woman and girls

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

Sung by men and boys

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

Sung by all

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

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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: 168

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (8:40) Bob Chilcott
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

“The Lamb” (11:00)

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

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

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The Offertory:

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”

C. Hubert H. Parry

The Offering

Today's offering is for Mel Trotter 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: Romans 7:7-25 (pg. 1753)

The Sermon: **“PROCLAIMING THE LORD’S DEATH:
SET FREE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 177:1,2,4

“Oh, to See the Dawn”

Sopranos are invited to sing the descant on vs. 4

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

John Dunstable, Mary Beth Bennett

Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

Youth Ensemble, Joel Bouwman – guest director (11:00)

Leah Bouwman – accompanist (11:00)

Ken & Mary Afman – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)

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Music at LaGrave (8:40)

English composer Bob Chilcott’s extended work *St. John Passion* is patterned after Bach’s *Passions* in which the story of Christ’s death is told through an evangelist singing narrative while the choir sings commentary through hymns and chorales. One of those hymns penned by Isaac Watts—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*—takes on new meaning

through a fresh melody and creative harmonies. The final stanza includes an inspiring descant which ascends in the final measures on the words “*Demands my soul, my life, my all.*”

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.

This evening, for our service of prayers for healing, Rev. Ruth Boven will preach on 2 Corinthians 4:6-12. Her sermon is entitled, “Jars of Clay.” This service includes a special prayer time during which pastors and elders are available to pray for your specific needs or prayer requests. Prayer Request cards are available at the Welcome Center this morning and will also be in the evening Order of Worship bulletin.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.