

March 10, 2024

Fourth 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:

“Adagio for Strings”

Samuel Barber

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, You Disconsolate” (8:40) excerpted from Terre Johnson
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 sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

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 sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”

“Man of Sorrows—What a Name” (11:00)

Man of sorrows—what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

He was lifted up to die; “It is finished” was his cry; now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 174

“I Stand Amazed”

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: Amen.

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession:

Isaiah 53:6

“Come to the Savior Now”

**Come to the Savior now, all who have wandered far:
renew your solemn vow, for his by right you are;
come like poor, wandering sheep returning to his fold;
his arm will safely keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.**

The Prayer of Confession:

concluded with the choir singing:

“Hear Our Prayer”

Mark Patterson

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Help us turn from our sinful ways;
help us follow you this day. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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The Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 53:3-5

Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;**

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

**But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;**

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

*The Hymn of Assurance: “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

**1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.**

**3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

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We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer will include the response below from Psalm 9:9

**You, Lord, are a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

The Anthem:

“Be Still and Know” (8:40)

Mark S. Campbell

*When life's darkness settles around you, when your faults and failures
confound you, peace, be still. When life's pleasures cease to console you,
and the floods of anger overflow you, and your doubts and fears control
you, rivers overflow you, peace, be still.*

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still, and know I have all power. Be
still, you are my child, and I do hear you. My love surrounds you. Peace,
be still. When in the hour of greatest need you cry to me in prayer, I
come in haste to intercede. Be still, for I am here.*

*When your pains and sorrows overcome you, when the sting of death
takes loved-ones from you, peace, be still.*

*Be still, and know that I am God. Be still and know I have all power. Be
still and know you are my child, and I am with you. My arms surround
you. I will be with you. Peace, peace, be still.*

Psalms 46:10, Mark 4:35-41. Copyright © 2016

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us” (11:00)

Stuart Townend, arr. Peggy Bettcher

The Offertory:

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

David Cherwien

The Offering

*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: Job 38:1-3, 16-18, 22-27;
Job 39:9-12,19-25 (p.832)

The Sermon: **“MAN OF SORROWS:
SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 833
“There Is a Redeemer”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Response

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)
3-6 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Jess Hollenbach – accompanist (11:00)
Bells Jubilate, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Audrey & Amber Schaap– Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Sheryl Van Eck and Al Doorn – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

our need for humble self-examination and sorrowful repentance before God.

Music at LaGrave (11:00):

English song writer Stuart Townend’s music is sung around the world, and his most well-known modern hymns include *In Christ Alone* and *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*. The latter will be both sung (both services) and rung (11:00) in worship today. The text includes many scriptural references of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. The handbell anthem uses a technique called singing bells in which a drone-like quality is produced by a dowel encircling the outer edge of the bell.

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

This evening, Pastor Jonker will preach on Luke 22:35-38 - a fascinating little text tucked away in Luke's passion narrative.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

The liturgical season of Lent is the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The sackcloth permeated with ashes against the royal purple cloth symbolize the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives. And it reminds us of