

March 16, 2025

The 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:

“If Thou Be Near”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Victoria Jicha

“Angus Dei (Lamb of God)” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré,
arr. David Heywood

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Bill Holcombe

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

*On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
that life's troubles nor its pleasures, ever may your work erase;
let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!*

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship and Rejoice 621***

“For the Healing of the Nations”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Romans 13:8-10

The Prayer of Confession

A time of silence

Prayer ends with sung response below

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LUYH 635

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 4:9-11

This is how God showed his love among us:

He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 294:1,2,3,5

“When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O Sacred Head” (8:40)

Mary McDonald

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown.
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!*

O sacred head, now wounded; O sacred head now wounded!

*What now my Lord hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on with me thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity with out end?*

O sacred head, now wounded; O sacred head, now wounded!

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” (11:00)

Richard Horn

*Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!*

*Oh, the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb on Calvary!
The Lamb that was slain, that liveth again, to intercede for me!*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I
give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do!*

The Offering

The Offertory:

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Amy L. Rice-Young

*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: Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-8:3 (p.1699)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 716

“Love God with All Your Soul and Strength”

The Sermon: **“THE SHAPE OF LOVE:**

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

We Go In His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: *Worship and Rejoice 587*
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Toccata on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” David Cherwien

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Amber Schaap, Laura Muresan, Lianne Martinez, Heidi Brandt – flutists
Ruth Bylsma – alto flutist
Lydia Wodarek – bass flutist
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist (8:40)
7-12 Grade Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)
Jess Hollenbach – pianist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Sheryl Van Eck & Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Lent is the liturgical season beginning with Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The ash-permeated sackcloth reminds us of our human mortality and our need for repentance and reconciliation with God. The ash sackcloth against the royal purple cloth symbolizes the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives.

Music at LaGrave: (8:40)

Our high school choir shares a Lenten anthem with very familiar words, but matched with a tune not often associated with the text. *O Sacred Head* was originally written by Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century, and later translated into English by American James Alexander in the 19th century. Composer Mary McDonald chose an early American folk tune for this ancient text, a tune which is often associated with the title *I Am Bound for the Promised Land*.

The flowers on the chancel today are in memory of **Gerald Steele**, remembered with love by **The Steele and Doezema Family**.

The March special offering is for **God’s Kitchen**. God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They served over 175,000 meals to people downtown Grand Rapids last year.

This evening, Pastor Jonker will preach on Romans 9 and Ephesians 2.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live