

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "In Christ Alone"  
"Speak, O Lord"

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## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 145:18-21

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

**The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

\* Hymn: PH 486 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 629 "Worthy Is Christ" DIGNO ES JESUS

Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ;

To him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

He gave his life, he died for me;

To him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Psalm 130:1-4

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 130:5-8

God's Will for Our Lives:

Ephesians 4:22-5:2

Choral Anthem: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

arr. Fettke

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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.

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.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, 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.

Stuart Townend, 1995 Kingsway's Thankyou Music, CCLI 1099351

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:34

Sermon: *Lasting Words*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 374 "No Weight of Gold or Silver"

PASTORALE

## THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "The Power of the Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Larson

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.

which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever  
and ever. **Amen.**