

Worship Outline - March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love unconditionally; in the same way that you love us. Amen.

Prelude

Peace Like a River
Have mercy, Lord, My Sin Forgive

Buryl Red
J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 124, 118)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: Maker of heaven and earth.

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Time of Confession

Silence is kept

Congregational Response #188 – “Jesus Loves Me!” v. 2

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. ²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. ³You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ⁴“I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.””

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance; ¹⁶they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. ¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Offertory

Interlude

Alexander Guilmant

Second Scripture Reading – Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sermon – “Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength”

Prayers of the People

(Prayers for the church, the world, and our communities; especially those in harm’s way and who need our particular prayers at this time.)

The Lord’s Prayer

Witness

Doxology #37 – “Let All Things Now Living” v. 2, stanza 2

Ash Grove

*We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise;
Till all things now living, unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

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Benediction

Postlude