

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

† **Hymn of Inspiration:** #494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

† **Benediction**

Response: #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (verse 2)*

Welsh melody

Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

† **Postlude:** *Agincourt Hymn*

Dunstable



Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

10:30 am

Jesus:

You have heard our tears:
the tears women have shed in silence
because we were afraid to be heard;
the tears women have held back
thinking we deserved violence;
the tears we have not held back
but were not comforted;
the tears women have wept alone
because we would not ask to be held;
the tears women weep together
because our sisters cannot feed their children;
because our sisters live in fear;
because the earth herself is threatened.

So we weep.

*Janet Morley
An Iona Prayer Book*

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Joan S. Gray, Preaching
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Prelude: *God of Grace*

Manz

Introit: #500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Day's Psalter

†Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: God's promise is for all generations;

All: God's covenant is with every living thing.

†**Hymn of Praise:** #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†**Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri)** #581

†**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Chancel Time with Children

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *A Prayer*

Robert H. Young

O God, I love Thee in the stars at night under the still eternity of sky;

Teach me to love Thee in the passerby, for Thou has said that this is loving right.

I hear Thee in the stars whose silence sings, and in the shout of dawn Thy voice I know;

Teach me to hear Thee in the joy and woe of men who speak of trivial earthly things.

I see Thee when the world is full of sleep walking upon the moonpath of the sea;

Teach me by all the tears of Calvary to know Thee in the eyes of all that weep.

There are so many things that I would say,

God-soul of beauty, teach me how to pray.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Hosea II:1-9 (p. 642)

Sermon Lesson: John 15:12-17 (p. 764)

Sermon: "The Impossible Commandment"

Rev. Joan Gray

Responding to the Word of God

†**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Martin

†**Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word of God

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing #527 *Eat This Bread*

(Please note during The Lord's Supper both wine and grape juice are served.

To distinguish between the two, the wine is red and the grape juice is white.)

Prayer after Communion