

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

10:30 am

†**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** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (The Ashgrove)* Mark Sedio

Kindly remain in silence during the closing postlude, or depart very quietly.



†*Please stand as you are able.*

Love. Grow. Serve.

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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Lord of the morning,
I awake to
this new day
with all of its possibilities,
its uncertainties,
its many faces,
and its underlying
mystery.
May I be able -
in your strength -
to move
through this day
free of anger
or bitterness,
so that
when I meet my neighbor
or encounter the stranger,
I may recognize
your face.

The Iona Prayer Book

Leading in Worship Today

- Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair
- Natica Dickman, Liturgist
- Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
- Ron Ollis, Organist
- Barry Webb, Audio Visual



Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minutes for Mission

Pasadena Community Ministries

Mission and Outreach

Prelude *Praeludium in G Minor (BuxWV 148)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit #674 *I Call, O Lord, on You*

Samuel Howard

†Call to Worship

One: We do not live by bread alone,

All: so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

One: We come at the Spirit's leading

All: to offer ourselves in service to Christ.

One: Come, find strength for the journey.

All: Let us worship the one, true God.

†Hymn of Praise #167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you. Yet when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus trod. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the clutches of sin and death and draw us close, that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness.

Silent Confession

Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

John Merbecke, 1550
Arr. Healey Willan, 1930

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of Pardon

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

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

†#618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (verse 5)*

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

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

Anthem *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

John Ness Beck

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.
O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

Prayer for Illumination #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (refrain)*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p. 2)

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 682)

Sermon "The Power to Choose"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

†Hymn of Affirmation #782 *Hear My Prayer, O God*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Picardy)*

Michael Burkhardt

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

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

†Hymn of Inspiration #618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (verses 1-4)*