

Commissioning (standing-responsively)

One: You have been embraced by God's power and love. Dare to face the world, bearing God's wisdom.

All: We proclaim the crucified one, Jesus Christ. The power of love is not destroyed by death.

One: Be careful in your use of God's name. Live in awe that God chooses you as a witness.

All: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

One: The scriptures will guide us toward God's truth. God's steadfast love will sustain us.

All: We will seek to keep the spirit of the commandments. Self-giving love toward God and humanity will guide us.

The Benediction (standing)

Congregational Response

Cliff Barrows

All: "May God's blessing surround you each,
as you trust Him and walk in his way.
May His presence within
guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love."

**The Blessing
Three-fold Amen
Postlude**

Third Sunday of Lent



We Gather as God's People

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Let All: "And even the darkness could not put it out.
the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen"

Call to Worship

(standing, responsively):

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator. Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.

One: From the sun's rising to its setting, creation speaks. Day and Night, Earth's creatures announce God's works.

All: The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes. God's law is perfect, calling forth our best.

One: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

All: The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.

Prayer of Approach (standing)

Opening Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy VU 315

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (seated-in unison)

All: "We come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. Amen."

Assurance of Forgiveness

Offertory Invitation

Offering Refrain VU 149 (Verse 4)
(please remain seated)

All: "Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all"

Offertory Prayer

Anthem/Solo

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Christian Scripture Corinthians 1:18-25 pew Bibles p. 926

One: This is the story of our faith.
All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response VU 37

(please stand if comfortable)

"Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"

Reflection

Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU 468

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Passing the Peace

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Our Lord's Prayer (said together)

The Fraction of the Elements

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Post Communion Prayer

Hymn Be Thou My Vision VU 642