# Lent

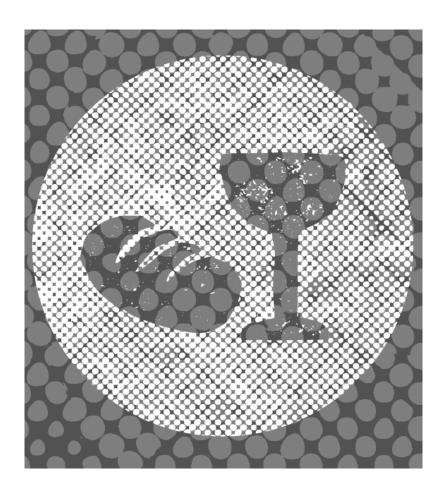
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# Sending

\*Benediction

\*Song: "Beneath the Cross"

**LUYH 825** 



# Jeremiah 31:33

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

#### Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship

may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

\*Song: "I Come with Joy"

**LUYH 533** 

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "My God, How Wonderful You Are"

LUYH 548:1,3,5,6

### We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Call to Confession: "Return to God"

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 119:9-16 p.957

Song: "Return to God"

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy; come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak

and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;

you taught me wisdom in the secret place.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

The Institution: I Corinthians 11

The Consecration

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restore our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### The Invitation

We invite you to come to the communion station closest to you, leaving your row to the left and moving clockwise. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served.

You are invited to sing while you are seated.

The Communion: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LUYH 175

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

### We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: "Behold the Lamb"

**LUYH 840** 

**LUYH 96:1** 

\*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God While justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love.

With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom.

When Israel spurned God's love lusting after other gods, trusting in power and wealth and hurting the weak— God scattered them among the nations,

yet kept a faithful remnant and promised them the Messiah:

a prophet to speak good news,

a king to crush evil and rule the earth with justice,

a priest to be sacrificed for sinners.

God promised to forgive their sins and give them a new heart and a new spirit, moving them to walk in his ways.

Prayers for the Church and World

## God Meets Us in the Breaking of the Bread

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

We bring bread;

you give your body.

We bring wine;

you give your blood.

We bring our offerings;

yours is the sacrifice.

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

Song: "What Feast of Love"

Silence

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56
I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction,

will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature

which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, by grace God grants the righteousness of Christ

to free me forever from judgment.

Thanks be to God!

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

Text & Music: Anonymous, based on Psalm 51:10-12

Children ages 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Sermon: "The Cycle and the Circle"

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