

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2006

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story"
Jubilate Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Praise the Lord, you who worship the Lord;
stand in awe of God, and give glory to the Lord.
**For the Lord does not despise the poor and needy,
but when they cry out, God answers them.**
The hungry shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who love the Lord shall offer praise.
**All the ends of the earth shall worship God,
for the Lord rules over every nation.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 274

"O God of Earth and Space"

*The Prayer of Confession

O Christ, You are the Master Carpenter: You fashion yokes for Your disciples to bear and crosses for us to carry. We confess that though we call You Lord and Christ, we do not live Your way. We name ourselves Christians but avoid the cross. We are disciples without discipline. We believe everyday and everything is promising but we doubt that anything is promised to us. We reach for everything, but grasp little or nothing. We believe that things are what we make of them, and it troubles us to think that You might be making something new, different. Forgive us our shallow hope. . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

Minute for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Genesis 17:1-7,15-16*

p. 15 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 22:23-31*

p. 615 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

"Hear My Prayer"

Moses Hogan

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 4:13-25*

p. 187 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 92

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

The Reception of New Members (8:30 am)

Questions of Membership

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

*The Prayer of Reception

O God our one true Parent: We praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Reception

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (11:00 a.m.)

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

The Baptismal Anthem

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Paul Sjolund

The *Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38*

p. 53 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Taking Up the Cross”
Glynn Bell

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of DedicationDoxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

Gracious God, we know how You suffered for us. Your passion stands before us and we shudder. We are people who prefer to turn from pain and embrace power. As we learn the lessons of Your suffering, turn us with compassion toward the hurting and the powerless that they may find hope. We offer our gifts and the will to use them, asking for the blessings of courage and faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude