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# Sunday Worship

March 15, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for a pot luck lunch after the service.

### Prelude

**\*Gathering Song:** King Of Peace, King Of Glory - Hymn # 382

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

**Priest:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**All:** His mercy endures forever.

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise:** Here I Am To Worship - Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

**(Chorus:)** Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. **(Chorus:)**

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (2x)

**Chorus: (2x)** Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

**\*All:** Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**A Reading from Numbers**

(21:4-9)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Song: Revelation Song**

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He, Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

*(Chorus:)* Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder, Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your Name, Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water, Such a marvelous mystery. *(Chorus)*

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(3:14-21)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## Sermon (please be seated)

**\*Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### \*Prayers of the People

**Leader:** In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud), we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For McDonald's that jobs would be filled at this location, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For all Bishops of the Episcopal Church as they gather for the House of Bishops meeting we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency response personnel, especially those from Centerville Volunteer Fire and Rescue#3, for all emergency room staff, for hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; for persons diagnosed with terminal illness, we pray to you, O Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

**Leader:** We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory:** How Great Is Our God – Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All (spoken not sung):** **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest:** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People:** **We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory;**

**Priest:** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** **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 trespasses, as we forgive**

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song: Worthy is the Lamb**

Thank You for the cross, Lord; Thank You for the price You paid; Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came, and gave amazing grace; Thank You for this love, Lord; Thank You for the nail pierced hands; Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.

(Chorus:) Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne; Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious; High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God, the Darling of heaven crucified; Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Song of Dismissal: I Will Follow**

Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move; I will follow.

All your ways are good; All your ways are sure; I will trust in you alone; Higher than my side; High above my life; I will trust in you alone.

(Chorus:) Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move; I will follow you. Who you love, I'll love; How you serve I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow you; I will follow you.

Light unto the world; Light unto my life; I will live for you alone; You're the one I seek; Knowing I will find all I need in you alone, in you alone. (Chorus)

In you there's life everlasting; In you there's freedom for my soul; In you there's joy, unending joy and I will follow. (Chorus 2 times)

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd, Jr. Linda Eggleston Robin and John Snow  
 The Symphony Retirement Community Christians in the Middle East Paula Gordon

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin **Junior Warden:** Richard Walker  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd Libby Clark  
**Register:** Marian Elam **Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice readers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice Readers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
15-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
22-Mar	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
29-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Apr	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

**~ Announcements ~**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

Sunday, March 15	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 22	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 25	Caritas	Christ Church	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28	Caregivers Support Group	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday (visit from Aspire Dance Academy)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**Caritas at Christ Church on March 25.** We will provide the meal that evening for the homeless staying at Christ Church. Please contact Jenna Nelson to help: [jnelson561@gmail.com](mailto:jnelson561@gmail.com)

**Caregivers Support Group** - On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, St. Francis will host an educational program presented by the Alzheimer's Organization of Greater Richmond on the 10 warning signs for this illness and communication strategies for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's. This program will be open to everyone, and we ask that if you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact Susan Kidd for more information.

**Our Missional Communities:**

**The Parke** The Parke outreach meets on March 29, 2015 at 3:30pm for a prayer walk beginning at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Park Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

**The Garden** meets on March 15, 2015 immediately after worship. Contact MJ Weatherford at [mcats2@aol.com](mailto:mcats2@aol.com)

**Symphony** meets on March 22, 2015 at 9:00am at the Symphony Manor of Richmond, 12411 Gayton Rd., Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

**Financial Update** - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>2015</b>			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	( <b>\$3,093.10</b> )
February	\$11,139.66	\$9,378.57	<b>\$1,761.09</b>
March	<u>\$1,819.00</u>	<u>\$2,683.66</u>	<u>(<b>\$864.66</b>)</u>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$17,599.66</b>	<b>\$19,796.33</b>	<b>(<b>\$2,196.67</b>)</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$17,599.66</b>	<b>\$19,796.33</b>	<b>(<b>\$2,196.67</b>)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$29,809.15	<b>(<b>\$2,196.67</b>)</b>

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