

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

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- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"Mighty to Save"

by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

**Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus:

Saviour

**He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever**

**Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

Verse 2:

**So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender**

(Chorus)

(BRIDGE):

**Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King**

(Chorus), (Chorus)

Song:

“Lamb Of God”

Verse 1: Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Verse 2: Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Verse 3: I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Prayer Time Concluded with Our 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 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 forever and ever. Amen.

“You Are My All in All”

by Dennis L. Jernigan

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. (Repeat)

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek

You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my All in All. (*Chorus*)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All. (*Chorus*)

Worthy is Your name.

Welcome

Pastor Randy Bard

Children's Time

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Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And 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 loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

A O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C The founder and perfecter of our faith,

A Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon: Forgetfulness, Unthankfulness, & Complaint- -
The Path of the Immature Christian**

Pastor Randy Bard

Offerings

*(Members & guests please tear off the attendance card on the back of this bulletin,
fill it out and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)*

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Grace Alone"

by Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
ev'ry diff'rence we can make, is only by His grace.

Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
ev'ry blessing left behind, is only by His grace

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace, is only by His grace.

Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise, is only by His grace. (*Chorus 2 times*)

Announcements

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