

The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-8 (page 504)

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 10 (page 13)

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 360 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

***Collect of the Day (unison):** Lord, while we wait for the full unfolding of the victory of Jesus over all His and our enemies, give us grace to keep ourselves from evil and to be ready to obey the Spirit's leading in all things. Increase our faith in Your providence. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 54:7-17 (page 653)

***Gospel Lesson:** John 6:43-45 (page 945)

***Epistle Lesson:** Revelation 21:14-21 (pages 1102-1103)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 54:7-17

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 106:6-15 (back of bulletin)

Reading of The Law: Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father, we confess that we have been sinfully short-sighted and simplistic in our expectations of You. We have acted as if You cannot and will not take proper care of us, as if Your providence is faulty or lacking in some way. When pressured we have given in to repaying evil for evil, to self-pity, to worry, complaining and despair. All of these things work against our calling to be Your witnesses. We have been impatient when things have gone against us. We have neglected gratitude when things are going well. Our thoughts have not been shaped by Scripture but by our feelings instead. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge that the provisions You have made for us in Christ are more than sufficient, and grant us pure faith to love and follow and submit to You. We pray in Jesus' Name.

Agnus Dei:

Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** 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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** Praise Book 16 "Forever"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**