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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

PRELUDE

**Praeludium in B minor (BWV544)**

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

Plainsong

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

—*Psalm 25:15-16*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

\*HYMN 101

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

HAMBURG

\*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

**the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

*Psalm 19:1-4, 7-9*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION



## WELCOME

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, there are moments where it seems that the threads of human kindness that bind us together grow frayed. You give each of us to the other as your beloved, that we might see your image reflected to us in each kindness. Yet, too often, we do not see one another the way you see us. Too often we compete where no competition is required. Too often we keep what is meant to be shared. Too often we withhold the kind word, the generous gesture, and your vision for our life together becomes blurred, obscured by meanness and selfishness. Forgive us, we pray. Restore within us the love that you have entrusted to bind us together, that we might live in covenant community, as you intend us to be...

## KYRIE (573) (*Choir and Congregation*)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## ANTHEM

## Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

E. C. Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

—*Edward Caswall, after Jesu dulcis memoria*

## EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(p. 162)

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

(p. 91)

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

(p. 65)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

PICARDY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

**SERMON****Covenant**

Dr. Mullis

*Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.*

*Exodus 20:1-3*

**\*HYMN 76****My Song Is Love Unknown**

LOVE UNKNOWN

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*—excerpted from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service. You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

**OFFERTORY****My Eyes for Beauty Pine**

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace; no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above; 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

*—Robert Bridges*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION****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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

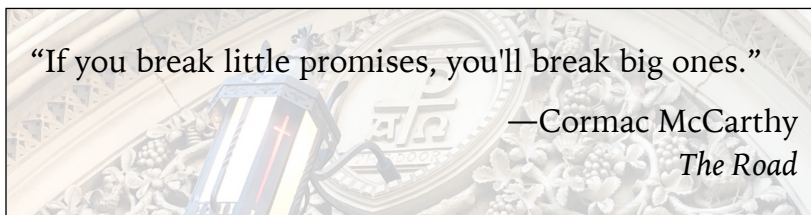
\*HYMN 424                      O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising                      CHARTERHOUSE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION                      **Benediction for Lent 3**                      Donald Nally  
Amen. My eyes are always on the Lord.

POSTLUDE    **Chant héroïque**    Jean Langlais

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MARCH 3, 2024**

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, March 4	Worship Committee	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	Missions Committee	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6	Adult Christian Education Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 7	Deacons	6:30 p.m.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES - SUNDAYS THROUGH MARCH 10

Dr. Heath Carter, Professor of American Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary, continues his series addressing how questions about the future of U.S. democracy have come to the fore of public life in recent years. Sessions are held in the MacColl room beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sandwiches will be provided.

### ONLINE LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20

A Lenten Bible study is being held on Wednesdays exclusively online, via Zoom, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Led by Dr. Mullis and Rev. Colee, we will look at key passages from the Gospel of Mark that prepare us for Holy Week. *You must register to receive the Zoom link!* Visit our website to register, or call the church office (215-567-0532).

### TWENTIES & THIRTIES - QUIZZO

Let's get our T&T trivia on! Join us on Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m. for Quizzo at Loco Pez in Grad Hospital (on the corner of 20th and Bainbridge). Please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org) so we can reserve a team table!

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# Lenten Donation Drive

February 18 - April 7

supporting

**PHILLY**  **HOUSE**



During the season of Lent, the Missions Committee is sponsoring a drive to support **PHILLY HOUSE**, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing.

Items to donate are listed below. Donations can be dropped off in designated locations at the church. Items may also be purchased online from the Amazon Wishlist. (Amazon Wishlist items will be shipped directly to Philly House.) Scan the QR code for more information.

## ITEMS TO DONATE

- New combs for men
- New hair picks for men
- New men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Men's sneakers (all sizes)
- Men's adjustable canvas belts (all sizes)
- Men's boxer underwear and stretch boxer briefs (all sizes)
- Down alternative pillows
- Men's loose fit shorts (all sizes)
- Socks (all sizes)
- Lightweight waterproof backpacks

