



# Highlands United Methodist Church

## Order of Online Worship

### February 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM

### The First Sunday In Lent

Preaching – The Reverend Mikah Hudson

Liturgist – The Reverend Henry Gibson

Children's Moment – Reggie Holder

Lay Reader – Sedgie Edmondson

Choirmaster and Organist – Richard Phillips

Chamber Choir – Brian Bellenger, David Busby, Savannah Busby, Kara Cargile,  
Lindsay Dawson, Thomas Head, Mary Elizabeth Neal

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### The Season of Lent

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, when we are invited to examine the roots of our Christian discipleship and identify Jesus' journey to the cross. The early Sundays are a wilderness time, an opportunity to go deep into our hearts and the souls of our communities, to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God, and to begin systematically to put things right. We will chant the Great Litany on the first Sunday. We observe the tradition of removing Alleluias or flowers in the Sanctuary during Lent: these will return with a burst of joy on Easter Day.

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Prelude

Fantasia in C Minor  
BWV 537

Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Henry Gibson

Hymn

Song of Penitence

KINGSFOLD



1. O Lord who rules the heav-en's host, O God of A - bra-ham, Lord God of Isa - ac,  
2. But yet your love sur-pass-es all the mea-sure of our mind; You, Lord, are pa - tient,  
3. And now, O Lord, I bend my knee and make my sure ap - peal; For I have sinned, Lord,



Ja-cob, and of all their right-tous clan. You made the heav - ens formed the earth with  
mer-ci-ful, and in-fi-nite-ly kind. You do not judge as we de-serve, and  
and I know my wick-ed-ness too well. I there-fore make this prayer to you: for -



all their vast ar - ray, be - fore you all things quake with fear and trem-ble in dis - may.  
in your good-ness, Lord, You of - fer par - don that we may Re - pent and be re - stored.  
give me, Lord, for - give; Let me nor per - ish in my sin, nor let me die but live.

Psalter

**Psalm 25:1-10**

*Anglican Chant: James Turtle (1802-1882)*

<sup>1</sup> *Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee  
 O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.*

<sup>2</sup> *For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed  
 but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.*

<sup>3</sup> *Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.*

<sup>4</sup> *Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me  
 for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.*

<sup>5</sup> *Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.*

<sup>6</sup> *O remember not the sins and offences of my youth  
 but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

<sup>7</sup> *Gracious and righteous is the Lord therefore will he teach sinners in the way.*

<sup>8</sup> *Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.*

<sup>9</sup> *All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.*

<sup>10</sup> *For thy Name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.  
 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.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

The Anthem

**Call to Remembrance**

*The Choir*

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness which hath been ever old.  
 O remember not the sins and the offences of my youth,  
 According to thy mercy, think on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

*Richard Farrant (1530-1581)*

*Text, adapted Psalm 25*

The Great Litany  
*(see pages 4-7 for text and responses)*

The Reverend Mikah Hudson  
The Reverend Henry Gibson

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

The Homily

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

## The Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Announcements and Blessing

Reggie Holder

Voluntary

Heinrich Bach (1615-1692)

*Fugue on Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott*

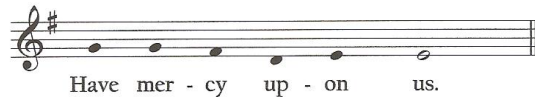
*O God, Be Merciful to Me*

*O God, be merciful to me, according to Thy great pity; Wash of, make clean my iniquities.*

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THE GREAT LITANY  
*Adapted from BCP – Church of Ireland*  
*Musical Setting: Richard Phillips (b.1959)*

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,



God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Save us, good Lord, from all sin and wickedness, from pride, hypocrisy and conceit, from envy, hatred and malice, and all charit



From sins of thought, word and deed, from the lusts of the flesh, from the deceits of the world and the temptations of evil,  
**Save us, good Lord.**

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want, from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,

**Save us, good Lord.**

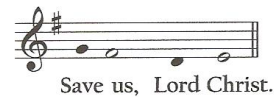
From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, from contempt of your word and commandment, and from the evil of schism.

**Save us, good Lord.**

In times of sorrow and in times of joy, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Save us, good Lord.**

Save us, Lord Christ, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your birth, childhood and obedience, by your baptism, fasting and temptation,



By your ministry in word and work, by your mighty acts of power, and by your preaching of the kingdom,

**Save us, Lord Christ.**

By your agony and trial, by your cross and passion, and by your precious death and burial,

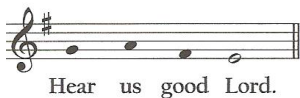
**Save us, Lord Christ.**

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

**Save us, Lord Christ.**

FOR THE CHURCH

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,



Give your Church courage to preach the gospel and to make disciples of all the nations,

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Give knowledge and understanding to ministers of the Gospel, that  
by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Give all people grace to receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of  
the Spirit,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,*



Hear us, good Lord.

#### FOR THE STATE

*Guard and bless all in government, especially our president Barack, our governor Robert, and all other elected officials; grant  
that they may trust in you, and seek your honor and glory,*



Hear us, good Lord.

*Bless our country, and give grace, wisdom and understanding to all in authority,*



Hear us, good Lord.

*Bless the Global Community, and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice in honesty and truth,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Bless and keep all who maintain peace and safety,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Give to all nations unity, peace and concord,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

#### FOR ALL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

*Strengthen the faithful, comfort and help the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and drive out all evil,*



Hear us, good Lord.

*Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress, protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety  
all who travel,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Heal the sick, care for the aged and lonely, and comfort the bereaved,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Remember the poor who long to hear good news: give us the will to strengthen them through acts of generous love,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Show your pity on victims of strife, on the homeless and the hungry, on prisoners, and on all who live in fear,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

*Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts,*

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide and direct all who influence others through the written or the spoken word, and inspire all who serve in science, industry and art



Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Savior of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done, and left undone; grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may amend our lives according to your holy word, and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,



Have mer - cy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,



Have mer - cy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,



Give us your peace.



Our Father A - men.  
who art in heaven.....