



# Order of Worship

## God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

### **Preparation for Worship for the Third Sunday in Lent**

*Citizens Await*

"When our earthly kingdoms have had a good year, we don't necessarily long for the Kingdom of God to break in. We like our own setup just fine... Hoping for others is hard, but not the hardest. Praying for others is hard, but not the hardest. The hardest task for people who believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ is in living the sort of life that makes people say, 'Ah, so *that's* how people are going to live when righteousness takes over our world'." --*Cornelius Plantinga*

"We lift up our hearts to the Lord because He is in heaven, drawing us homeward... In contrast to the stories the world tells to justify its existence and activities, the Church lives from a heavenly story and speaks that story into the world through word and work."  
--*Gerrit Scott Dawson*

### **Call to Worship**

*1 Peter 2:4-6*

As you come to Him,  
a living stone rejected by men  
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

**You yourselves like living stones  
are being built up as a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.**

For it stands in Scripture:

**"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in Him  
will not be put to shame."**

### **Invocation**

## **Song of Adoration**

### **The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
She is His new creation by water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endured

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

*"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11*

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## **Welcome**

*We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attendee or church member, we encourage you to use our online "[Keep in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.*

## **The Ministry of Prayer**

*Psalms 145:1-13. A Song of Praise. Of David.*

I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare Your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The LORD is good to all,  
and His mercy is over all that He has made.

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom  
and tell of Your power.

**To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of Your Kingdom.**

Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

### Offering

*If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.*

### Song of Praise

#### **Fast From, Feast On**

Fast from the swelling darkness  
Feast on the power of His light  
Fast from discontentment  
Feast on the joy that He brings...

*Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life  
My Helper, my comfort, the Bread of Life  
Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life  
My Helper, my Comfort, the Bread of Life  
Is You  
Is You*

Fast from the fear that haunts us  
Feast on the power of His might  
Fast from the trap of judgment  
Feast on all that's been redeemed...

*"Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and save." Isaiah 46:4.  
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### Children's Message (10:30 AM)

*WEPC Children's Ministry Director, Emily Meeks*

### **God the Son Renews Us through His Word**

#### Scripture Reading

*Philippians 3:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

### Sermon

*Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at [www.wepc.org/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/sermons).*

## **God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace**

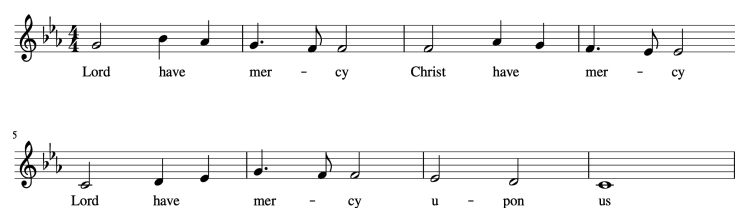
### Confession of Sin

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. We have not lived in expectation of Your Kingdom. Lord Jesus Christ, You are coming again in power, and all things are subject to You. We confess that we have merely hoped for relief, though You promise transformation and glory. Forgive our calculated efforts to follow You, only when we judge it convenient, only when we assume it safe, only with those who make it easy. In Your tender kindness, forgive us our sin. May Your Holy Spirit fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing our King soon, and face to face. Amen.**

*Silence*

#### **Lord Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy upon us



*"Have mercy on me God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1  
Becca Wethered, Lent 2021.*

### Words of Encouragement

*Ephesians 2:12-13*

You were once separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

### Songs of Response to God's Grace

#### **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

All the way my Savior leads me  
Who have I to ask beside  
How could I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide  
All the way my Savior leads me  
And cheers each winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for every trial  
Feeds me with the living Bread...

*You lead me and keep me from falling  
You carry me close to Your heart  
And surely Your goodness and mercy  
Will follow me*

All the way my Savior leads me  
O, the fullness of His love  
O, the sureness of His promise  
In the triumph of His blood  
And when my spirit clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way  
Jesus led me all the way...

*"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."  
Psalm 23:3  
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### **Come to the Feast**

Go to the highways and hedges  
Go to the farthest of fields  
Go and compel, the sick and the well  
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city  
Bring in the crippled and blind  
All who would taste this banquet of grace  
Must come and waste no more time...

*Come to the feast, come to the table  
The great and the least, the rich and the poor  
Come to the feast, come to the table  
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered  
Dressed in His pure righteousness  
For all of your guilt, His blood it was spilt  
So come, by your Father be blessed...

*"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in,  
that my house may be filled." Luke 14:3  
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### **Doxology**

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

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6  
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"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." -Romans 12:12-13

### **Benediction**

***Our Elders are available for prayer in the West Foyer following both services.***

***Pastor Steve Shelby*** preached today's sermon. ***Pastor Kevin Greene*** led worship. ***Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pastor Kevin Greene, Robin Huff, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Rick McWhorter, Andy Becker, Deacon Chris Scoggins, and Rob MacBride*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Luke Farkas*** managed the in-house video system.

### **Q & A with Pastor Steve**

Join Steve this morning after the 10:30 AM worship service, as he responds live to some of your text inquiries related to the worship service, the sermon, or general encouragement. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

### **Announcements (listed alphabetically)**

#### **Adult Ministry**

**Men's Ministry: Second Monday** [www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men)  
March 8, 5:30-7 PM \*RSVP Required\*

**Mid-Week Walk** [www.wepc.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)

Join us for a walk on the James River trails in downtown Richmond. Wednesdays, beginning March 10, 9 -11 AM

**Women's Ministry: SOW Together** [www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)  
Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

**Yard Groups** [www.wepc.org/yard-groups](http://www.wepc.org/yard-groups)  
Enrollment now OPEN for Spring Yard Groups!

**Young Singles** [www.wepc.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)  
March 14: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer \*RSVP Required\*

**Children's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)  
Backyard Children's Worship: TODAY, 10:30 AM

**Daylight Savings Time: March 14**  
Spring forward! Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

**Food Pantry needs** [www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

**Lent and Easter Happenings** [www.wepc.org/lenteaster](http://www.wepc.org/lenteaster)

**Personal Retreats:**  
MARCH 13 | 9 AM-12 PM (Virtual)

**Lenten Daily Readings** <https://www.wepc.org/lentenreadings>  
Sign up to receive them in your inbox.

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
APRIL 1 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream)

**Good Friday Service**  
APRIL 2 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream)

**Easter Sunday Service**  
APRIL 4 | 9AM (In-Person) & 10:30AM (In-Person + Livestream)

**Monthly Communion** [www.wepc.org/monthlycommunion](http://www.wepc.org/monthlycommunion)  
Second Sunday of the month, both services

#### **Neighborhood Outreach Ministry**

**Simple English Christian Service** [www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

**Spanish Bible Study** [www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study](http://www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study)  
Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

**WEPC Community Preschool** [www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)  
Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

**WEPC Pastoral Letter: The Gospel, Race, and Biblical Justice**

[www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice](http://www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice)

Resources for studying and understanding how the Gospel intersects with race and justice.

**Wrap Around Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry)

Current need: child supplies, clothes, & toys (all ages) for WEPC families hosting children

**Youth Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

Parent Gathering: TODAY, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall