

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

2018

INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, be not ashamed!
Let not disgrace your spirit fill!
For God himself endured to die
Upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross, which gives you strength,
Which makes your trembling spirit brave:
'Twill guide you to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down,
For only they who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Suggested LM Tunes:

ERHALT UNS HERR (*Take Up Your Cross*)

WINCHESTER NEW (*On Jordan's Bank*)

OLD HUNDREDTH (*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*)

DUKE STREET (*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*)

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

BEHOLD, I SET BEFORE YOU THE BLESSING AND THE CURSE.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6

All: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.

GOSPEL

Luke 9: 22-25

WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL SAVE IT.

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

The assembly is now invited to make an examination of conscience.

This may be done in silence or by using a text read aloud.

If the text is used, it should conclude with a period of silence so that each person may personally examine his or her conscience.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

After a brief period of silence, all say together:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Confessors process to their stations during the following hymn:

HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Suggested LM Tunes:

ROCKINGHAM (*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*)
WINCHESTER NEW (*On Jordan's Bank*)
OLD HUNDREDTH (*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*)
DUKE STREET (*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*)

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Then the penitents go to the priests designated for individual confession, and confess their sins. Each one receives and accepts a fitting act of satisfaction and is absolved. Everything else which is customary in individual confession is omitted.

After receiving absolution the penitents may return to the main body of the church and spend some time in private prayer, but are otherwise dismissed.