

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021

PRELUDE

Elegy

-Thalben-Ball

OPENING SENTENCES

We worship in the season of Lent,
a time to examine our hearts and our lives
**and journey with Christ through the suffering
of the world.**

Let us listen for the commandments of God
**and align our lives with God's vision for
peace.**

God has marked us as beloved dust
and called us together to worship.

HANDBELLS

What Wondrous Love Is This?

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us
through Christ Jesus
who came into the world to save sinners.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ who chased the money changers
from the temple,
chase the greed from our lives and our hearts.
As you overturned the tables, O Lord,
overturn the systems in our world
that contribute to cycles of poverty and
oppression.**

**Forgive us, O God, of the ways we contribute
to the world's brokenness.**

**Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN.

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, amen.**

HANDBELLS

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Psalms 19

-Miss Elizabeth Heerdt

John 2:13-22

SERMON

HYMN # 213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that know now measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 826 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse 1

Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)

Verse 2

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us the life eternally. (refrain)

Verse 3

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (refrain)

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross -Manz