

# LENT



CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD;  
AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:10

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***Sharing Christ's Love... By Welcoming All, Loving All, And Serving All!***

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*Lent is a season of the church year when we recommit to Christian growth and our midweek Lenten services will include stories of people led by their faith. As we gather for worship, may we bring our sins before God with penitent hearts, work to emulate Christ in thought, word, and deed, honor Christ's sacrifice, grow in faith and grace—while never forgetting the ultimate victory of the cross.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

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## I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## SCRIPTURE READING

## MESSAGE

## HYMN

### Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS**

*During the prayers, the pastor will provide a beginning to each prayer and then give the congregants time to silently pray as the Spirit leads them.*

God is amazing because...  
Have mercy on me for...  
Today, I am thankful for...  
Lord, in your mercy, please...

**C: Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you (*congregation partakes of the wafer*).

The blood of Christ, shed for you (*congregation partakes of the grape juice*).

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**



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