First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude
   “Pie Jesu”
   Ned Rorem

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
   inspired by Psalm 130

Leader:  We cry out to you, O Lord!
   Hear our voices; be attentive to our call!

People:  The Lord hears his people;
   the Lord forgives and renews.

Leader:  There is forgiveness with You;
   You forgive and renew your people!

People:  Our souls wait for the Lord;
   our hope is in the Faithful One.

Leader:  Our Lord is steadfast love;
   Our Lord is redeeming power;
   Let us worship our Lord!

Hymn
   “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
   Hymn No. 166

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
   God of Spirit and Breath, you long for us to live, to be fully alive, to trust in your blessed presence dancing
   in our lives. Forgive us for all the times we give up on your promises. Forgive us for focusing only on dryness

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession
   “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”
   Hymn No. 183

The Passing of the Peace
   The peace of Christ be with you.
   And also with you.
   Let us share that peace with one another.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
   Romans 8:6-11

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.
Solo

“*The Weeping Tree*”

Joseph M. Martin

Upon the wind there comes a call, a whisper soft and low,
a lonesome cry that fills the night and echoes through the soul.
It stirs the seekers tender heart. It bids them come and see,
to kneel in shadows cast by grace, to touch the weeping tree.
Against the sky the timbers rise, a silhouette of grace,
a rugged throne for heaven’s own, the sinner’s hiding place.
Its burdened arms reach out to all; they draw the world to see
the price of love is paid in blood upon the weeping tree.
O come to the place where promise lives and rest where hope begins,
where crimson leaves adorn the ground, a gift from graceful winds.
O come and walk the winding path that leads to Calvary.
Come lay your burdens down and rest beneath the weeping tree.

Second Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Living Spirit Within”

The Rev. Dr. David Holyan

*Hymn

“O Christ, the Healer”

Hymn No. 793

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Marty Haugen

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.
You who know our pain and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love.
Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Prayer of Dedication

“We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn

“Breath On Me, Breath of God”

Hymn No. 286

Benediction
Organ Postlude

“Stabat Mater”

Ned Rorem

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Louisa Wimmer soloist;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries;

Live Stream Host: Keith Klamer

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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

ST. FLAVIAN

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hermann, 1873, alt.
MUSIC: Day's Psalter, 1562
Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183

1 "Come to me, O wea-ry trav-eler; come to me with your dis-tress;
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas-y; do not fear, my bur-den’s light;
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou-bles; take my yoke and come with me.
4 "Rest in me, O wea-ry trav-eler; rest in me and do not fear.

come to me, you heav-y bur-dened; come to me and find your rest.”
do not fear the path be-fore you; do not run from me in fright.”
Take my yoke, I am be-side you; take and learn hu-mil-i-ty.”
Rest in me, my heart is gen-tle; rest and cast a-way your care.”

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn’s skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.
O Christ, the Healer

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for
2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies
3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our
4 In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize
5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your common

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we know of ourselves! Release in us those announce the world’s disease; our common life diminish may find the wholeness that, even

be restored when reached by love that never ends? would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
riching us, shall reach the whole of mankind.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ’s healing work in the world.
Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888