



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Response

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -
 - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 95

Plainchant

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. ³For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. ⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! ⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. ⁹They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. ¹⁰Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." ¹¹So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

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Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!



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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Wilderness Faith

Hymn

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 7.

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide.
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee,
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there forever at rest.



Presentation of the Gifts

HAMBURG

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly hosts;
Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

**O Lord, you are our God;
We are the people of your pasture,
The sheep of your hand.
As you have fed us by your mercy,
May it be our daily bread to do your will;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hennessy

**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.**

Sending Hymn

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When, Like the Woman at the Well

AMAZING GRACE

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

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The Westminster Schola

Chancel Flowers

The Lenten arrangement at the Lord's Table is given in loving memory of Robert J. Genco by his wife, Frances Genco.

Sunday flower donations will continue after Easter. If you would like to purchase 2020 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com or 883-7597.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Felix Mendelssohn** was a German composer, pianist, musical conductor, and teacher, and one of the most-celebrated figures of the early Romantic period. In his music, Mendelssohn largely observed Classical models and practices while initiating key aspects of *Romanticism*—the artistic movement that exalted feeling and the imagination above rigid forms and traditions. Among his most famous works are *Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1826), *Italian Symphony* (1833), a violin concerto (1844), two piano concerti (1831, 1837), the oratorio *Elijah* (1846), and several pieces of chamber music. He was a grandson of the philosopher, Moses Mendelssohn.

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Horatius Bonar, 1846

Traditional English Melody



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this lost world's Light,



Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thir - sty one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found my guid - ing Star, my Sun;



And there I found a rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of life I'll go till trav - eling days are done.

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

Kurt Kaiser, 1975

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1. O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go; his love for sin - ners to show.



He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;
What he did there brought hope from de - spair. O how he loves you;



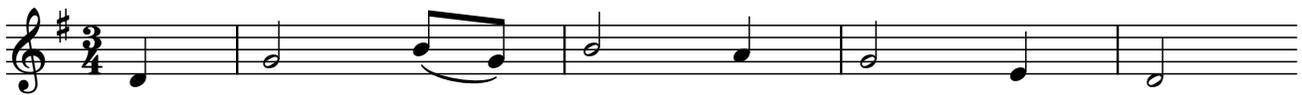
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When, Like the Woman at the Well

AMAZING GRACE

Edith Sinclair Downing, 1992

Virginia Harmony, 1831



1. When, like the wom - an at the well,
2. Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways,
3. I learned I could for - ev - er live
4. Each day I lift my cup a - bove,
5. Since now I am in grace im - mersed,



I lived with bro - ken dreams, Christ came to me,
yet gave me hope, not fear. The God I once
and wor - ship God a - right, Could trust the pow'r
and I a - gain re - ceive The liv - ing wa -
set free, for - giv - en, whole, I share with those



good news to tell, of ev - er - liv - ing streams.
thought far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near.
the Spir - it gives to guide me in truth's light.
-ter of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief.
who are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul!



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Meditation

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Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

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