

The First Sunday in Lent

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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5, 15-22

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have offended you: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities. Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults; forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, in keeping with the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12.1-2

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Confession of Faith

What is forbidden in the Second Commandment?

The Second Commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images,¹ or any other way not appointed in his Word.²

What are the reasons attached to the Second Commandment?

The reasons attached to the Second Commandment are: God's sovereignty over us,³ his ownership in us,⁴ and the zeal he has for his own worship.⁵

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 50 and 51

¹ "Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven" (Dt 4.15-19). When Aaron saw this, he built an alter before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt'" (Ex 32.5, 7-8)!

² "For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it, you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today" (Dt 11.31-32).

³ "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker" (Ps 95.2-3, 6)!

⁴ "...and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him" (Ps 45.11).

⁵ "You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)" (Ex 34.13-14).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Supremacy of Christ”
Hebrews 1.1-14
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

*Song of Thanksgiving

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

words Horatius Bonar, 1843
music Eileen Davis, 2002

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, each corresponding to a different vocal part: 1.I, 2.I, 3.I, and 4.I. The lyrics are as follows:

1.I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of
2.I lay my wants on Je - sus; All ful - ness dwells in
3.I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of
4.I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly,

God; He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed
him; He heals all my di - seas - es, He doth my soul re -
mine; His right hand me em - brac - es. I on his breast re -
mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly

load: I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son
deem: I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my
cline. I love the Name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the
Child: I long to be with Je - sus A - mid the heav'n - ly

stains White in his blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.
cares; He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.
Lord; Like fra - grance on the breez - es His Name a - broad is poured.
throng, To sing with saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Hebrews and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

The Covenant Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales is studying 2 Corinthians. It is meeting on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. Questions for each week can be found on the literature table, and all women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "The Supremacy of Christ" (Hebrews 1.1-14)

Prayer Concerns

A God to Trust & Lean On: Solomon wrote, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on you own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (Pr 3.5-6). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker,* and *Wayne Snavely* might trust in the LORD and lean on him alone this week for all they need.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Alister and Thaddaeus left Ukraine last week to join Sarah and Saphira in Northern Ireland, where Saphira is recovering form surgery. Now Alister and Sarah await word on the welfare of their flock and the seminary students Alister teaches in Kyiv. Pray for this dear family, that they might soon be able to return and care for those who are in need.

The Persecuted Church: There are 4 million Christians out of 18 million people in *Kazakhstan*. Formerly part of the Soviet Union, it is illegal for non-registered churches to gather, forcing most Christians to meet in secret, often leading to police raids during services. Aside from governmental mistreatment, converts from Islam bear the brunt of the persecution, including house arrest, physical violence, and excommunication. Pray for the safety of Kazakh believers and church leaders. Pray for the converts under house arrest. And pray for the government authorities suppressing the gospel, that God opens their eyes and grants them faith.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he shepherds the flock, trains men for church leadership, and continues to reach out with the love of Christ to those in the Kenai Peninsula.

Ukraine: Pray for the people of Ukraine, that God protects and preserves their freedom amidst the Russian incursion, and for the church in Ukraine, that God strengthens and equips it to bear witness to the goodness of God and to the gospel during this time.

Announcements

City Streets: Walla Walla will make changes to Palouse and Alder (among other streets) in the coming months that will effect parking on Sundays and ease in getting to church. The city’s website has several videos explaining the project that you may want to look at: shorturl.at/bwAD7

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.