

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,
but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

Proverbs 10:17

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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude *Adagio* *Mozart*

Call to Worship *Genesis 17:4-5, Genesis 32:27-28, John 1:42*

*Opening Hymn *Born of God, Eternal Savior*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of desert times and holy contemplation, confront us again with your word. Jesus, we wish to answer your call. We want to follow you. Forgive us when we believe we understand all mysteries and all knowledge. Forgive us when we presume to know the end before we have challenged our assumptions. Give us a wondering question, a renewed curiosity to seek our neighbor's well-being and our common humanity. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem *Ave Verum* *Mozart*

Matthew 25:31-46

Blessing

A Message for All Ages

Sermon *"Mirror, mirror, on the wall..."*

*Hymn *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Prayers of the People & 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Pastorale (Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross)* Callahan

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*Closing Hymn *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Young



Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

1 Pet. 4:8-11; John 17:11; Matt. 6:10

Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1893; alt.



1 Born of God, E - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life, of truth and grace,
 2 Christ, as you have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live;
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, grant - ing love and joy and peace;
 4 See the Christ-like host ad - vanc - ing, high and low - ly, great and small,



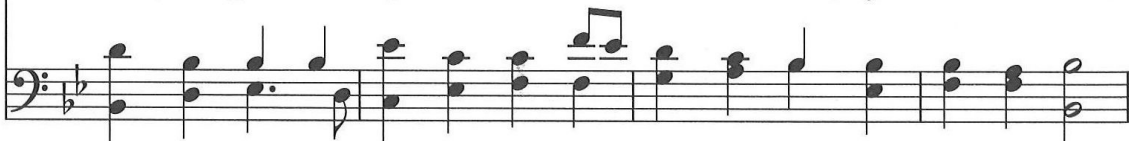
Hu - man One, whose birth in - car - nate hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed, free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Linked in bonds of com - mon ser - vice, an - swer - ing the Sav - ior's call.



Come a - gain, in all your glo - ry; come to us, in - spire and lead;
 All the wealth that we may gath - er is for use in caus - es just.
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 Je - sus Christ, we hear your plead - ing that your peo - ple should be one.



Fill us with your lov - ing-kind - ness; heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 We are stew - ards of the boun - ty loaned to us in sol - emn trust.
 Quench our fe - vered thirst for plea - sure, shame our self - ish greed for gain.
 Grant, O grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth, your will be done.



Born in Dublin, Ireland, Somerset T. C. Lowry was a priest of the Church of England and author of several prose and poetic works. This hymn, originally titled "For Unity," was written while he served in North Holmwood, Surrey.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: BEECHER

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

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John 1:32

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven-ly Dove, with all your quick-ening powers;
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven-ly Dove, with all your quick-ening powers;

Kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
Ho - san-nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
Come, shed on us the Sav - ior's love, that it may kin - dle ours.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

This text from an early collection of Watts' Hymns and Spiritual Songs (1707) has seen many modifications through the years, including some made by John Wesley on theological grounds.

Tune: ST. AGNES C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1866

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27**Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.*

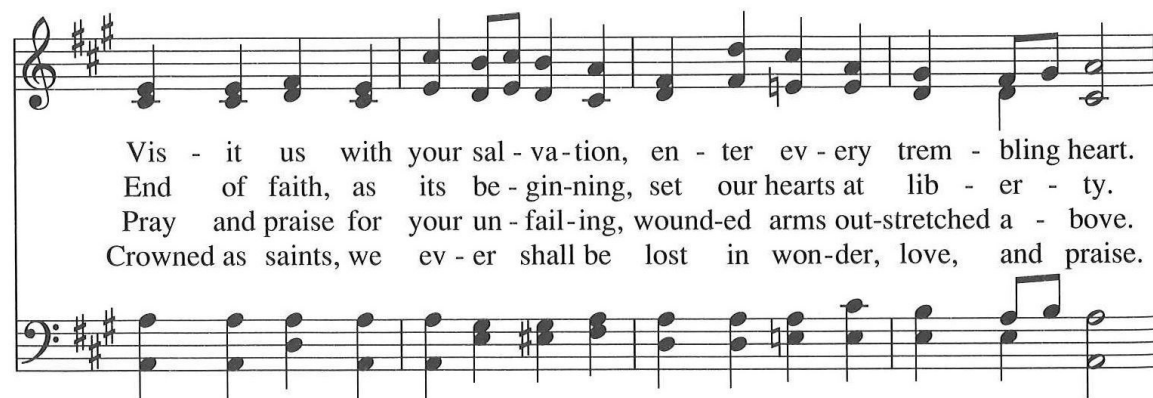

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir-it in - to ev - ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might - y to de - liv-er, let us all your life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum - ble dwell-ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in you;



Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love im - part.
 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels love,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495

Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

AVE VERUM

Mozart

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste of heaven
during our final trial.*



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday, February 25

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Our next date is **February 25**. We gather in the parlor roughly 30 minutes after the close of Sunday service. All are welcome!

EASTER CASCARONES ARE BACK...

This beloved tradition involves filling egg shells with colorful confetti, then smashing them open on Easter Sunday! We could use any giftwrap tissue paper, in white or pastel colors. And those little circles left over from your hole puncher. Please drop them off in the bin in the Parish Hall.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Gettin' the band back together!

Please join us after worship *TODAY*, for a meeting to discuss the vision for Women's Fellowship, to make some decisions about the large sum of money in the account, and, perhaps, to get an event or two planned and on the calendar. All are invited to attend. For questions, see **Shel Tscherne** or **Cher Hamilton**.

CWS HYGIENE KITS

We will be collecting items for CWS hygiene kits through Lent. This year, we need **hand towels, washcloths, nail clippers, soap, combs, and toothbrushes**. Please leave donations in the baskets near the lower elevator.

TROOP 12 FRAMINGHAM

41ST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 7:30-11:30

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COFFEE, TEA, OJ, HOT COCOA



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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TROOP 12 FRAMINGHAM FOR TRIPS, ACTIVITIES, GEAR, & SERVICE PROJECTS

Expanding the Circle

**The Framingham Interfaith Community invites
people of all ages and backgrounds to
An afternoon of Friendship & Service**

Sunday, February 25 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will gather at 2:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Church Parish Hall.
(87 Edgell Road, Framingham)

For the first hour, we will share in a conversation
led by **Lucia Panicella**, of *Jewish Family Services*.

Lucia and JFS have been at the center of our city's welcome to migrant families who have come seeking safety and hope. She will help us understand what is happening in Framingham and what is happening around the world.

At 3:00 p.m., we will enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to participate in a service project on-site in the Parish Hall—an opportunity to use our hands and our hearts to express our welcome and caring.

***Sponsored by Framingham Interfaith
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