

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent/Heritage Sunday  
February 18, 2018  
Theme: "Saved and Empowered by Christ Sacrifice"

**GATHERING BEFORE OUR GOD WITH JOY**

Gathering Songs:       **The Stand**

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand  
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand

You stood before my failure, And carried the cross for my shame  
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, My soul now to stand

So what can I say, and what can I do  
But offer this heart O God, completely to You

So I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me  
My life to declare Your promise, My soul now to stand

**So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned  
In awe of the One who gave it all  
I'll stand, my soul Lord to You surrendered  
All I am is Yours**

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**Only A Holy God**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

**Come and behold Him, The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God**

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God.

### CHORUS

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God.

### CHORUS

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Call to Worship & God's Greeting:



We begin our journey through Lent.  
**We gather to seek the awareness of God's presence on the way.**  
We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness,  
**joining in praise as we remember God's faithfulness.**  
**Let us worship God!**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

### RENEWING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Hymn of Adoration: **My Jesus I Love Thee**

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

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### Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Loving God, Maker of covenants, Keeper of promises,  
Guide of our lives;  
Your wisdom is beyond our grasp, Your love beyond our understanding,  
and Your grace beyond measure.  
You have created and made us hunger and thirst for you and  
You have called us to follow your paths and ways.  
You give Christ to guide us, You give the Spirit to inspire us,  
You give bread to nourish us, You give community to serve in and  
You give us eternal life and we give you our thanks and our praise,  
one God, now and always.

In a time of silence, we open our hearts to you and confess the ways in  
which we have strayed from your path and neglected your way. (silent  
confession)

God of new beginnings,  
though tempted, Jesus refused to turn stones into bread.

**Save us from using our power, however little,  
to satisfy the demands of selfishness  
in the face of the greater needs of others.**

Though tempted, Jesus refused to leap from the temple top.

**Save us from displaying our skills, however modest,**

**to win instant popularity  
in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

Though tempted, Jesus refused to bend the knee to a false god.

**Save us from offering our devotion, however weak,  
to cheap or easy religion  
in the face of the harder path  
on which you bid us follow you.**

God of new beginnings,  
give us wisdom and discernment  
as we seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

*(Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, 2004)*

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing with the Youth

Theme: "Extra, Extra, Read All About it!"  
(Following Jesus' example of spreading the good news of God's love.)

Scripture: ***After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"***  
*Mark 1:14-15*

Youth Song:

**We are one in the Spirit**

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### **OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Understanding:

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 25: 1-10;  
1 Peter 3: 18-22;

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Suffering for Doing Right"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn of Response: **“Take my Life and Let it be”** # 637

Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**WE BRING OUR GIFTS**

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”** #79

**GOING FORTH TO LIVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **Take up your cross** #211

