



Altamont Reformed Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

Prelude “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

JS Bach

Audrey Daly, Organist

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**God’s Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

***Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red) #379**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:7-8

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**

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

***Gloria Patri (Blue) #623**

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music “A Communion Invitation” Martin/Cour

Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing, no one is denied.
Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.
Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.
Ev’ry weary trav’ler, ev’ry troubled, troubled soul,
rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.
The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share,
the bread we’ll break together, I’ve lovingly prepared.

Children's Message

***Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days”
(Red) #181**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament Page 3)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation:

Great Thanksgiving (Laminated Card)

Communion Hymn: “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” (Red) #445

Words of Institution (laminated card)

WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God’s holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all
things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from
this time forth forevermore.**

Amen.

Announcements

Offertory

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Helmut Walcha

***Doxology (Blue) #625**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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, for ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (Red) #272

*Sending

Our worship has ended,
Our service to the world begins!

*Choral Benediction

*Benediction

*Postlude “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” arr. Donald Busarow
 * *indicates the congregation stands, if able.*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to all visitors in worship today! Please fill out one of the white visitor’s cards in the pew hymnal racks so we may know who you are and may keep in touch. Kindly place the card in the offering plate.

PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN UP TO AGE 3 in the nursery at the foot of the stairwell that is at the front of the sanctuary.
- CHILDREN’S BULLETINS and “SERMON SACKS” (COLORING SHEETS) are available in the front and back of the sanctuary.
- ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are in the back of the sanctuary and easy to use.
- LARGE COPIES OF OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN: If you are visually challenged, a larger version of today’s bulletin is available in the front or back of the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Coffee Hour.....	Noreen Novak & Tulla Pangburn
Ushers & Greeters.....	Marianne & Gabby Baratier
Side Door Greeter.....	Sallie Townsend
Offering Counters.....	Marianne & Gabby Baratier
Nursery Volunteer.....	Theresa Lasselle and Volunteer Needed