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Second Sunday of Lent | March 16th 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**  *Blessed Assurance (With "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")*

arr. C. Dobrinski

The Christ Church Ringers

\*Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek the God of new beginnings!  
**All: We come to worship the One who renews and restores.**One: Come, all who hunger for grace and thirst for mercy!  
**All: We come to be nourished by God’s love.**  
One: The Gardener of Life is here, tending and cultivating our hearts.  
**All: Let us worship with joy, for God is making all things new!**

\***Hymn of Praise** 187 *Rise, Shine, You People* WOJTKIEWIECZ

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story, God in him is centered. Christ comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,

with grace unbounded.

2. See how he sends the powers of evil reeling, and brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven,

now are forgiven.

3. Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

4. Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation God's new creation.

Opening Prayer

**God of life and renewal, You meet us here with our hands and hearts open to grace. As we gather in Your presence, till the soil of our souls, that we may grow in wisdom, love, and faith.  
Amen.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 27:6-14

Now my head is lifted up  
    above my enemies all around me, **and I will offer in his tent  
    sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
    be gracious to me and answer me!  
“**Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
    Your face, Lord, do I seek.**    Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
    you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
    O God of my salvation!  
**If my father and mother forsake me,  
    the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
    and lead me on a level path  
    because of my enemies.  
**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
**Wait for the Lord;  
    be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Music of Preparation *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. C. Moklebust

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Ian McArthur, Bass

**Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9**

**Sermon** The cross roads of second chances

Pastor Beth

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

God of second chances, You call us to turn— to simply change perspective, to seek You in this world, but we harden our hearts. We confess that we have been slow to repent and quick to judge. We turn away from struggle, yet hesitate to bear the fruit of love. Still, You do not cut us down. You tend us with patience, nourish us with grace, and call us to grow again. Forgive us, renew us, that we may live differently with each other and with You. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

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 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. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

J.S. Bach

\*Doxology *A Lenten Doxology*

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Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts

God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Sending** 580 Lead On, O King Eternal

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1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation they grace has made us strong;

and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, or gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

\*Benediction

Go now, travelers on the road with Christ!

May the path rise up to meet our feet,

May wisdom keep us from retreat.

May love’s compass point the way,

And hope sustain us day by day.

Along the cross roads, let the blessings we find Remind us of God’s promise to be with us always. Amen

Postlude *Fugue in G Minor*

J.S. Bach BWV578

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“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Words: Ernest W Shurtleff, 1887

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