

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



The Fourth Wednesday in Lent

March 22, 2017

12:00 noon

The Order of Service

✠ *Congregation stand as you are able.*

The Long Road: 25 more days, 25 more deeds, of Lent

THE GATHERING MUSIC..... Jason Evans, Organist

THE PRELUDE: "What Wondrous Love Is This?" American Folk Hymn, ca. 2811

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Spoken Responsively)*

LEADER: I was glad when they said unto me,

PEOPLE: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *(Psalm 122:1)*

LEADER: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

PEOPLE: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. *(Psalm 100: 1-2)*

THE WORD ABOUT LENT

✠ THE HYMN: "It's a Long, Hard Journey" *(See insert)* Nick Hodsdon

THE CALL TO CONFESSION *(Spoken Responsively)*

**LEFT: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.** *(Psalm 51: 6)*

**RIGHT: Create in me a clean heart, O God
and put new and right spirit within me.** *(Psalm 51: 10)*

THE EXTENDED SILENT REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace.** *(Repeat twice)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Spoken in unison)*

**As straight as our words have been, God has heard us.
As deep as our guilt was, God accepts us now.
As honest as our confession was, we can receive God's forgiveness.
As complete as our decision to live Christ's way, we will be given power.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.**

THE REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY AND THE DEEDS OF LENT

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 26: 31, 34-49

Then Jesus said to them, ‘You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’

Peter said to him, ‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.’ At once he came up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him.

THE REFLECTIONS ON THE ROAD AND THE REST STOPS

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (*Summarized*): Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the

one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE SCRIPTURE SINGINGNick Hodsdon

“Didn’t our hearts burn within us, when He met us on the road?”

THE BLESSING OF THE LENTEN MEAL

THE DRESDEN AMENPsaltery

THE BENEDICTION

✦THE HYMN OF SENDING: “Don’t Turn Back, Good People, Don’t Turn Back” Spiritual

**“There’s a race that we must run, and a victory to be won.
Every hour gives us power to go on.”**

THE POSTLUDE.....Jason Evans, Organist

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by Holy Redeemer by the Sea Catholic Church. The cost of the lunch \$5.00.

(Note: If you want to keep the song sheet, bless you. If not, please let us use them again. Reduce, reuse, recycle!)