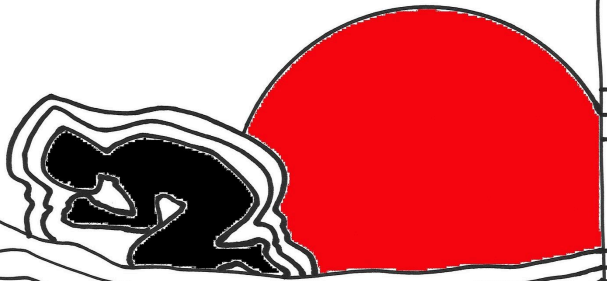
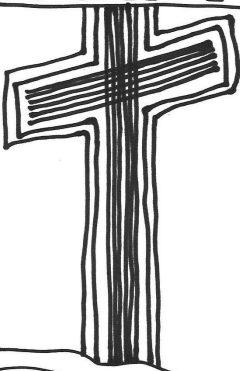


Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven....



LENT 4

...whose sins are covered. Psalm 32v1

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March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday In Lent

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have
been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER³

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new
in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace
and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of
comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you
more fully all of our days. **AMEN.**

PSALM - Psalm 32

 HYMN

140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

OT READING - Joshua 5:9-12

 HYMN

339. Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

 DOXOLOGY - #95

¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com.

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-6-2016>, Nancy C. Townley,

³ *ibid.*

NT READING - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

 HYMN

378. Amazing Grace

CONFESSION & PARDON⁴

I will get up and go back to my Father and say: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer fit to be called your child. Please make me one of your hired laborers.”

Let us return to our God, and make our confession.

Let us pray.

Loving God,

There is enough evil within us

to dampen our confidence;

Sometimes there is enough doubt in us

to swamp our faith.

Some days there is enough weariness in us

to swamp our hopefulness.

There is enough apathy within us

to smother our compassion.

Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us

to keep us unhappy.

And enough discontent in us

to make us return home to your love

God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

have mercy on me, a sinner.

Amen. Have mercy on me, a sinner.

⁴ <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-of-confession-luke-15.html>,

Then the Father said: Bring quickly the best clothes for him, and put a signet ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and kill the fattened calf, and let us eat and celebrate, for this my child was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found.

My friends, welcome back home. This fellow Jesus, and his remarkable household, welcomes sinners and even eats with the likes of us!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

POSTLUDE

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