



The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2014

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.

Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.

Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude *Adagio in E minor*

J.S. Bach

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *How Awesome Is This Place*

John Ness Beck

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from John 4:24)

Jesus said, “God is spirit,

and those who worship God

must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn 129** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)

(In Verse 2, because we are giving up alleluias for Lent, please sing “our loud Hosannas” for “our alleluias”)

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

There are different gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

for the same purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of Him.

Questions to Deacons-elect and to the Congregation

Deacon Class of 2017: Peter Marcano, Katina Tucci

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

***Song for New Deacons:**

Hymn 2222 *The Servant Song* (verses 1 & 2)

THE SERVANT SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like the children of Israel, O God, we wander in a wilderness; we murmur and complain. We can recite a litany of woes, but find it hard to count our blessings. We are more apt to find fault than build bridges. We are more likely to walk away than work it out. We mean to do good, but wind up in deeper trouble than before. We need your Word to light our way. We need your grace to wash us clean. We need your love to make us whole. We need your reconciling Spirit to make us new.

Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people from enslavement to liberation. We need your Spirit to help us let go of the past we know, and follow you into an uncertain future. Pour out your Spirit among us. Be among us this day. Lead your children still, even in a pillar of fire or a cloud of smoke, for we pray in the name of the One who leads us through death to Resurrection, your beloved child Jesus, Christ our Lord.

(a period of silence for personal confession and reflection)

Kyrie

Hymn 572



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (verse 1)

BREAD OF LIFE

***Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me;
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!***

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Lenten Psalm 95



Let us make a joy - ful noise to God— with songs of praise.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

THE SERMON *Grace Under Pressure*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters, noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* **Song after the Offering**

Hymn 428 v. 1

***We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone: a trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our trust in you. You alone know our hearts, and you more than any human being love us. As our giving draws us closer to one another, may it draw us closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 83** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

DEO GRACIAS

* **BENEDICTION**

**The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,
The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,
The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,
Who watches over us like a mother for her children,
Descend upon us all. Amen.**

*We join with our sisters and brothers in Cuba,
especially the Izquierdo-Hernandez family, by sharing this benediction.*

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor*

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
 - 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
 - 11:00 Confirmation Class in the Martha Jayne Room
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
 - 11:00 SPC Choir in the Choir Room
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