



The Season of Lent

Holy Conversations

**Morning Conversation
with God**

Week three:

On this new day, Lord
make me watchful
for all that you are doing in the world;
keep me faithful,
that I may do your will in all things
and hold me in your grace,
as I seek to do the same for all I meet.
Amen.

Leesburg Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2014

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please start the friendship register by signing it and passing it to your neighbor.

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C-major

David N. Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

pew bible p. 550

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today we would listen to his voice! Let us worship God.

*HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

Hymn #695

Change My Heart, O God

(Please remain seated)

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and uncontainable God,
for trying to contain you, forgive us.
Loving and limitless God,
for trying to limit you, forgive us.
Gracious and boundless God,
for trying to bind you, forgive us.
Sometimes we are foolish enough
to believe that it is to our advantage
to reduce you to something we can comprehend.
Forgive us, Almighty God.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4: 5- 42

pew bible p. 94

ANTHEM (11:00)

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, that makest me dwell in safety.*

SERMON

Holy Conversation:
A Woman at a Well

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

*HYMN #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott

J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift.

Accept these offerings we pray,

That through them we may do justice, love kindness,

And walk humbly with you.

In the name of Christ whose ministry we humbly serve, Amen.

***HYMN #65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

***CHARGE**

The cross. . .

WE SHALL TAKE IT.

The bread. . .

WE SHALL BREAK IT.

The pain. . .

WE SHALL BEAR IT.

The joy. . .

WE SHALL SHARE IT.

The gospel. . .

WE SHALL LIVE IT.

The love. . .

WE SHALL GIVE IT.

The light. . .

WE SHALL CHERISH IT.

The darkness. . .

GOD SHALL PERISH IT.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Song 22 on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons

C. V. Stanford

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING: 8:30 a.m.

Liturgists: James Cubie

Ushers: Babe & Kevin McGuire

Acolytes:

11:00 a.m.

James Cubie

Bud & Joan Elliott

Tommy Seifart & Charlie Joyce



The Season of Lent . . .

Lenten Sermon Series

*Holy Conversations
in the Gospel of John*

March 23 - A Conversation with A Woman at a Well John 4: 5-42

March 30 - A Conversation with A Blind Man John 9: 1-41

April 6 - A Conversation with Mary & Martha John 11: 1-45

Mid-Week

Holy Conversation Group

Wednesday Mornings

10:00 - 11:15 am

in the church parlor

A Time of Centering Prayer and
Reflection on Holy Conversations
in the Gospel of John

March 19th thru April 16th

Maundy Thursday

Tennebrae Service

A Service of Shadows

Thursday, April 17th

7:30 - 8:30 pm

The Story of the Passion and
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13th

Sunday Morning

Adult Study

*Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy:
the Bible & Brahms' Requiem*

9:45 - 10:45 am

in the meeting room

March 9th thru April 27th

Led by Rev. Meredith Moore

See page 5 for more information
about this exciting new study!

Easter Celebration

of the Resurrection of Jesus

Sunday, April 20th

Three Worship Services

Identical in Hymns and Liturgy

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Childcare is available during the

9:30 & 11:00 Service

Continental Easter Breakfast

Join us anytime between

9:00 - 11:00 am

for coffee, juice and breakfast breads!

Sunday, March 23, 2014

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	March 23	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Tue.	March 25	7:30 p.m.	CE Committee
Wed.	March 26	10:00 a.m.	Holy Conversations
		7:00 p.m.	Choir

To Our Visitors Whether you have visited with us before or are visiting today for the first time, we hope you experience the open-hearted hospitality of the Living Christ in our community of faith as we gather in his name for Sabbath worship. Because it is our desire to get to know you better and to be able to communicate with you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. One becomes a member of a Presbyterian church in one of three ways: 1) Profession of Faith, 2) Re-affirmation of Faith, 3) by Letter of Transfer from a previous church.

Prayer Chain Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please email prayer@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

In Our Prayers we remember: Kim Vigil, Barbara Drumm, Jane Wallace, Hal and Mary Lib Glovier. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

Mailing list Interested in receiving a weekly reminder of all things LPC? Did you receive a copy of the *Back Pew* at home this week? Maybe your address, phone number, or email address has changed? Please call or email the office so we are up to date. 703-777-4163, office@lpcva.org.

2014 Flower Chart There is a flower chart hanging outside the office. If you would like to provide flowers during 2014, please sign up for a date. Please email Memorial or honorary dedications for the bulletin by the Tuesday before your date.

Spring Church Work Day We're thinking Spring thoughts and getting ready for the next all-church workday scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 8:00 to noon. We have lots of projects planned to spruce up the buildings and grounds after the long winter. If you're interested in helping out, there is an online sign up sheet. The link to the sign up sheet can be found in the weekly eblast or on the LPC website. Feel free to contact the church office for more details.

The Back Pew Volunteers are needed to help prepare the newsletter for mailing on Wednesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm. (*Note the time change!*) No experience necessary.

Children in Worship:

Because the safety of our young children matters deeply to all of us, we encourage families with little ones to choose a seat other than the front row of the balcony.

Infants to 3 year olds – are cared for by two professional caregivers, Miss Pat and Miss Angie, in the nursery on the first floor of the education wing from 8:15 to 12:15. *Only parents* can drop off children at the nursery in order to communicate with providers. Drop off can happen before worship, after Time with Children message, or at any other time during the worship service. Ushers or the acolyte will be happy to show parents where the nursery is located.

4 year olds to 3rd grade – are invited to participate in *Godly Play* after the children's message. *Godly Play* provides age appropriate worship for children that helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities and prayer. If children decide not to enter the *Godly Play* room, or are too young or too old for the designated age range, they will be accompanied by the acolyte back to the sanctuary and reunited with their parents.

4th grade and up – remain in the sanctuary to participate in the worship service.

Today's Service Music:

Prelude: Voluntary in C-major by David N. Johnson (1922-1988)

San Antonio, Texas-born composer David Johnson was known chiefly for his 300 sacred works in a conservative style. This prelude (1970) was included in volume one of *Wedding Music*, an organ collection for Augsburg Fortress publishers. His popular Trumpet Tune in D (1962) was the processional used for the 1971 wedding of Richard Nixon's Daughter, Tricia, who was married in the White House Rose Garden.

Choral anthem: Lead Me, Lord by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

English church musician S. S. Wesley was the grandson of Charles Wesley, a founder of Methodism. His middle name Sebastian came from his father's high regard for the great German master, Johann Sebastian Bach. Famous in his lifetime as one of England's leading organists and choir-masters, S. S. Wesley composed almost exclusively for the Church of England. He composed the hymn tune Aurelia, to which the words, "The Church's One Foundation" are inextricably linked. The popular short anthem *Lead Me, Lord* is an extract from *Praise the Lord, O My Soul* (1861).

Offertory: Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott (BWV 721) by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

German Baroque composer J. S. Bach wrote some of the world's most enduring organ works. This chorale is one of Bach's most strikingly simple arrangements. The hymn tune sings in the soprano above an unwavering texture of chords in the other voices. Within this simplicity, however, is an atmosphere of profundity. Partial text translation: *Have mercy, Lord, my sins forgive.*

Postlude: Song 22 on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (op. 105) by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

In homage to Ireland on the week of St. Patrick's Day, this voluntary by Dublin-born Sir Charles Stanford is typical of the composer's conservative style. Long associated with Cambridge University, Stanford was one of the founding professors of the Royal Academy of Music (1882), while still on his twenties. Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) was a leading composer and organist of his day. None other than Canadian pianist Glenn Gould championed the music of Gibbons and named him his favorite composer.

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Evening Conversation With God Week Three

Holy Comforter, Protector, and Deliverer,
at the close of this day I entrust to you
all my life and all those I hold dear,
knowing that your tender mercies
cover all my failings and all my fears.
Thank you for your unending love.

ELDERS

2014

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