



ALTERED

by the spirit

March 3, 2024

Lent 3 “Altered by Disruption”

Sunday, March 3, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *“Prelude & Cantilène”* T. Dubois

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

*Hymn 324 *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

*Greeting

*Kyrie (see page 5)

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *“Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs”* A. Pote

Children’s Message

Word

Thematic Litany (see pages 5-6)

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19 (see pages 7-8) *(sung responsively)*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*Gospel Acclamation *“Let your steadfast love”* p. 103

*Gospel Reading John 2:13-22

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 652 *“Built on a Rock”*

*Apostles’ Creed p. 217

Music for Reflection *“Quia fecit mihi magna”* J.S. Bach

*Prayers of Intercession **A: your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 516, v.1-2

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*)

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 705

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude & Fugue in E Minor”

J.S. Bach

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When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. In our own contexts, we might ask what systems are chugging along, doing what they were created to do. What tables might need to be flipped in our community? How might the Spirit be altering us through disruption?

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Holy God,

We confess that we have rejected the refuge you offer.

**A: We try to hide behind self-sufficiency and pride,
but you see us, and love us still.**

P: We confess that we have chosen strife over peace;
we want to be right more than we want to be in right relationship.

**A: Forgive us for the ways we have rebelled against you
and harmed our neighbors in action, thought, or indifference.**

P: We confess that we have settled for convenient comforts,
for palm-sized imitations of mercy and justice.

**A: Your mighty hands break the bow and topple the throne,
yet also gather and shelter us like a mother hen.**

P: We confess that you know what we need and gladly provide it.

**A: Grant us the courage, patience, and trust
to receive and share your love.**

Amen.

P: Hear this...

*Kyrie

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son,

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.

O God, help us to take action with those who live in fear. Strengthen our hearts to listen to the painful cries we hear. *Refrain*

O God, meet us in our longing for the friends and things we know. Root us in love that sustains us; show us where we must let go. *Refrain*

O God, weave our lives together; may we chase away despair! Give us the tools to fight privilege, speaking truth with utmost care. *Refrain*

Thematic Litany

We chase after what we want,
only to find you have provided what we need.

Infinite God, we can count on you.

We follow the lives of the rich and powerful,
but are reminded again and again of their fragile humanity.

Infinite God, we can count on you.

We scramble to hoard resources,
but you have called the poor blessed.

Infinite God, we can count on you.

We judge others as more or less worthy than ourselves,
even though you love us all equally.

Infinite God, we can count on you.

We fear death or avoid the topic altogether,
but Jesus took away its sting.

Infinite God, we can count on you.

You are Alpha and Omega,
you are sibling and friend.

You are older than time
and wider than measurement.

You have chosen us
and trusted us with choice.

O Infinite God,
we can count on you.

Amen.

Psalm 19

Tone 9



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your | servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: John Heil

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield.

Vocal Soloist: John Waterfield

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

Music for Reflection translation: *Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eiu:* Because he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

General Announcements

Special Congregational Meeting: Following the service this morning there will be a meeting regarding a partial pew removal.

Don't forget to Spring Forward next weekend. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night!

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after the meeting in the Lower Level Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

2024 MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

St. Paul's Bridgeport



Reception at 6 pm

ELW Night Prayer (Compline)
7:00 pm

Preacher: Rev. C. Meadows-Helmer

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St. Matthews Kitchener



Soup Supper at 5:00 pm

Recital 7 pm
Sopranos C. Linforth & H. Swiderski

Holden Evening Prayer
Preacher: Rev. M. Hryniewicz

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Silence in the Sanctuary

A new mid-week Lenten experience.

Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm

Details to come!

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