



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

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *He Shall Call Upon Me*

Robert Wexler

* Call to Worship (Iona Community)

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

* Hymn 298 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

IN BABILONE

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.

But it is the same God who achieves His 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 Officers-elect and to the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Congregational Unison Prayer of Commitment and Support

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Recognition and Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

We recognize those who were called by God through the voice of the church to give service, and who today conclude their current terms on the session and deacons.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for God's call to all who minister among us.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon these your servants, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joy and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us and them. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, wisdom and joy. Amen.

* Hymn 522 *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection) Amen.

* Kyrie



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 322 Spirit of the Living God

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-10

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²Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. ³He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Anthem *Lonesome Valley*

Traditional; arr. Mark Orton

Second Reading Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kate Jones Calone

* **HYMN 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

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THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

* Doxology 592

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ, who gave us the gift of life. May the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our gratitude for your unending love, shown to us through your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 81** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Let Us Now Depart*

A La Puerta

POSTLUDE

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 16 - YOUTH SUNDAY

- 9:30 Worship Service and the Children & Youth leading worship; Childcare (ages 1 - 5)
 - 11:00 Children's Choir in the Preschool Room
 - 11:00 Confirmation Class in the Confirmation Cave
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in the Jr./Sr. High Room
 - 11:00 Deacon's Training
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