

**Lenten Service**  
March 26, 2014

**Sentences of Scripture**

(Joel 2:13)

*Leader: Return to the Lord your God,*  
**People: for God is gracious and merciful,**  
*Leader: slow to anger,*  
**People: and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Hymn #359**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalm 51:1, 9-12 NRSV**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ... 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Scripture Reading Mark 14:32-39 NRSV**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. 34 And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." 35 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." 37 He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? 38 Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks Be To God**

**Meditation**

Dying to Self

**Litany For Lent**

O Christ,  
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace...  
...you are generous to all who call upon you.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, ...  
...and were bruised for our iniquities.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death, ...  
...our peace and reconciliation.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,  
hope of all who die for you,  
and joy of all the saints.

**Save us, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**grant us peace.**

Everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being, . . .  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn #388**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Angel's Story

**Closing Prayer and Table Blessing**

**Blessing and Charge**