

**Lenten Service**  
April 2, 2014

**Sentences of Scripture**

(Phil. 3:13, 14)

*Leader: Forgetting what lies behind*

**People: and straining forward to what lies ahead,**

*Leader: we press on toward the goal*

**People: for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**Hymn #375**

*Lord of all Good*

Toulon

**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 10:17-27 NRSV**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be To God**

**Meditation**

Inheriting Eternal Life

## **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.**

Almighty and ever-living God, . . .  
. . . one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #391**

*Take My Life*

Hendon

**Closing Prayer and Table Blessing**

**Blessing and Charge**