

## Lenten Service

April 9, 2014

### Sentences of Scripture

(Ezek. 36:26)

*Leader: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart*

**People: and a new mind.**

*Leader: I will take away your stubborn heart of stone*

**People: and give you an obedient heart.**

### Hymn #372

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I Want To Be A Christian

### 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 John 15:9-17 NRSV

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be To God**

### Meditation

No Greater Love

### Litany For Lent

O Christ,  
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.  
You are our eternal hope;  
you are patient and full of mercy;

you are generous to all who call upon you.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,  
you have taken away our sins.  
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions  
and were bruised for our iniquities.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death,  
source of all comfort,  
our life and our resurrection,  
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.**

Eternal God, . . .  
. . . one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #376**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

**Closing Prayer and Table Blessing**

**Blessing and Charge**