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Contrasts

Lent V

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

O God, journey with us as we remember
why Jesus turned his back on Galilee
and strode toward Jerusalem.

Journey with us, and open our eyes
to see his mind, his heart, his dedication,
his love, his single-mindedness, his sacrifice.

Come, meet us in our worship,
and lead us in his way.

Amen.

Prelude

“My Saviour’s Love”

Linda

(Charles Gabriel; arr. Melody Bober)

Welcome and Announcements

Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* Hymn of Praise “Fairest Lord Jesus” [Tune @ #630 – GG]

- 1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

4. *All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously Jesus is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou my Saviour art to me.*

* **Prayer of Confession and Approach** [In Unison]

God of grace: we confess that all too often
we assume we have arrived;
that there is no need for us to grow in faith.
Because the poor are always with us,
we feel we can ignore them, whoever we determine "them" to be.
We want Jesus to be with us,
but not if that means struggle and sacrifice and pain.
Forgive us, O God of mercy, and repair our broken lives.
Strengthen us for the race,
that we might press on toward the goal
to win the prize for which you call us heavenward
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
In his name we pray. Amen.

A Gift of Song

“Be Thou With Me”

Christel

(Mack Harrell/Johann Sebastian Bach)

Responsive Reading

“Counting the Cost” - a poem by Ann Weems

LEADER: The end begins with a woman
who poured perfume upon his feet.

PEOPLE: She poured it lavishly,
without counting the cost.

LEADER: The disciples were angry;
this perfume could have been sold
and the money given to the poor.

PEOPLE: Where have I heard that tune before?

LEADER: Oh, what trouble we have with gifts and giving!

PEOPLE: You want to tell me how much
and when and to whom...

LEADER: ...and I want to tell you my way of giving
is better than yours.

PEOPLE: What Jesus told the disciples and us is:

LEADER: An extravagance of the heart is a fine
and beautiful thing.

PEOPLE: Why is it that this one is so hard for us?

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

A Gift of Song “The Lord's Prayer” (Albert H. Malotte) Christel

Offering Invitation

* Offertory Prayer “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” 716 - GG

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Sylvia

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Gospel Lesson: John 12: 1 - 8

Sermon: “Contrasts”

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "Said Judas to Mary" (Sydney Carter)

1. *Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do
with your ointment so rich and so rare?"
"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord
and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said,
"wipe it away with my hair."*
2. *"Oh Mary, Oh Mary, oh think of the poor ~
this ointment, it could have been sold,
and think of the blankets and think of the bread
you could buy with the silver and gold," he said,
"buy with the silver and gold."*
3. *"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor
Tomorrow," she said, "not today;
for dearer than all of the poor in the world
is my love who is going away," she said,
"my love who is going away."*
4. *Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep
today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow you say I am going away,
but my body I leave with you still," he said,
"my body I leave with you still."*
5. *"The poor of the world are my body,' he said,
"to the end of the world they shall be,
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor
you'll know you have given to me," he said,
"you'll know you have given to me."*
6. *"My body will hang on the cross of the world
tomorrow," he said, "not today,
and Martha and Mary will find me again
and wash all my sorrow away," he said,
"wash all my sorrow away."*

* **Benediction**

* **Tenebrae** – the fifth purple candle is extinguished

Postlude “On Eagle's Wings” (Michael Joncas; arr. Mark Hayes) Christel

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NOTE: Special thanks to our musical guest, **Christel Kirstein**, who is sharing her gift of song with us today. She and her husband, along with their two sons, came to Canada from South Africa. Christel taught English as a Second Language for many years at White Oaks Secondary School. She also founded there a very successful choir which Linda accompanied on the piano. The choir even travelled to Nova Scotia (which almost didn't turn well for Linda). High school musicals were her specialty. Recently retired from the Halton District School Board she still helps with its Welcome Centre for newcomers to Canada.



Christel's creativity and sense of beauty also extends to beautifully sewn handmade dresses and intricately decorated cup cakes! Today is a kind of "come back" for Christel as music has not been part of her life these last few years.