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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God of desert and cross,
accompany us through these forty days of Lent,
that we may face the demons, fantasies and fears
that also accompany us;
so that journeying with Jesus in desert places,
we may, by your mercy, renew our commitment
to the way of the cross.

Amen.

Prelude "Prelude" (Cesar Franck) Linda

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.
When our legs are getting heavy
and we're hanging down our heads
Give us bread for the journey, give us bread.*

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* Hymn of Praise "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

[Tune @ #96]

1. *Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope 'till Easter Day.*

2. *The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.*

3. *We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage 'till the Feast of Life.*

4. *And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on
through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.*

5. *So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!*

* **Prayer of Approach and Confession** (In Unison)

**Creator God, it is you who made us, and not we ourselves.
We are dust without your breath of life.
As we turn to walk these forty days with Jesus,
we confess our selfishness and sinfulness.
Forgive us we pray, and strengthen us
to face the many temptations of life.
Give us courage to follow in Jesus' way. Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 31

LEADER: Happiness comes from having your rebellion removed,
from having your failure completely covered.
Happiness comes from YAHWEH
not counting your mistakes,
from having nothing to hide.

PEOPLE: As long as I kept my stubborn silence,
my bones grew weak because of my constant complaints.
Day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped by a summer's heat.

LEADER: Finally I admitted my sin to you, YAHWEH,
and stopped hiding my guilt.
I said, "I confess my rebellion, O God,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

PEOPLE: That's why people of faith everywhere
should pray to you – they'll find you.
Even when the flood begins rising,
it will never touch them.

LEADER: You are my hiding place; you'll protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of freedom. You say:

PEOPLE: "I'll teach you and show you the way you should walk;
I will counsel you and keep watch over you.
Be wise! Don't be like horses and mules,
who need to be harnessed with bit and bridle
before they'll come to you."

LEADER: Wrongdoers are prone to many sorrows,
but those who trust in YAHWEH
are surrounded with unfailing love.

ALL: **Be glad in YAHWEH and rejoice,
you who love justice!
Exult, you upright of heart! Amen.**

A Gift of Song

"Lenten Meditation" (Jay Althouse)

Allison, Lisa, Sharyn

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn “Take My Life and Let it Be” 697 - GG

1. *Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

2. *Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
swift and beautiful for thee.*

3. *Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
filled with messages from thee.*

4. *Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

5. *Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Sylvia

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 3: 1 - 7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1 - 11

Sermon: "Voices"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "When We Are Tested" [Tune @#450] 783 - GG

- 1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.*
- 2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.*
- 3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.*
- 4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.*

* Benediction

Postlude

"Still, My Soul, Be Still"

(Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. James Koerts)

Allison, Gina, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm