



**G_d*, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with
which G_d loved us even when
we were dead through our
trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ —
by grace you have been saved.**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

March 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in LENT

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

PRELUDE *My Heart is Ever Yearning* Brahms

ACOLYTES Eric Hurd and Bennett Long

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION One Great Hour of Sharing, Beth Hurd
Community Service Awards Breakfast, Lyle Chadwick

INTROIT *Cantus Invenilis*
Middle School Bell Choir

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Raoul Bellis-Squires

One: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of G_d, to call
G_d's holy name.

All: **As far as the heavens are above the earth, G_d's ways are
above our ways.**

One: But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called
to be G_d's people.

All: **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
G_d our Maker!**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *How Can I Keep from Singing* No. 2212

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

G_d of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We
want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-
centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and
help us to be honest.

G_d of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our
failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we
cannot see or find it painful to confess.

G_d of love, accept us as we are, so that we may accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus our Christ. Amen.

SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 51:1-12* Cantor: Adam Steele

Hal H. Hopson

8 *Refrain*

Lord, you are my strength, has - ten to help me.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM GO_D'S WORD

ANTHEM *Soon-ah Will Be Done* Dawson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *What is Eternal Life?* Pastor Minshew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee* Brahms

- ❖ Doxology for Lent (*sung to the tune "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

- ❖ Prayer of Dedication

**G_d of Abundance, these offerings and our words are not enough to
say thank you, so please accept what we give today and grow our
hearts so that our offerings may blossom tomorrow. Help us discover
the wild, sweet joy in giving that we find in you. Amen.**

GO IN G_D'S NAME

- ❖ HYMN *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* No. 83

- ❖ BENEDICTION

- ❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Glory of These Forty Days (please join in singing with the choir) No. 87

**From René: I learned from my Rabbi friends that the name of G_d is so holy that it is not to be written, only pointed to. I have adopted that tradition.*