

COLORS OF GRACE – LESSONS FOR LENT

Prologue

NARRATION: *Full of grace and truth, the Word became flesh and made His home among us. And the Word proclaimed, “I am the light of the world. If you love Me, you will obey My teaching, and you will know the truth. Whoever lives by the truth comes to the Light.”*

We have one teacher, the Christ. By example, He teaches us the lessons of service, obedience, humility, and forgiveness. Each lesson becomes a prism through which the light of truth reflects the colors of grace upon our lives.

Here the words of the Teacher: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me and you will find rest for your souls.”

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

Take My yoke upon you. Come and learn from Me.
Take My yoke upon you. I will give you peace.
Are you weak and heavily laden? Are you lonely and distressed?
Come and bring your every longing. Come and I will give you rest.
O, I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you. Come and learn from Me.
Take My yoke upon you. I will give you peace.
Come and bring your sorrows. Lay them at My feet.
Bring Me your burdens. I will set you free.

Take My yoke upon you. Come and learn from me.
Take My upon you. I will give you peace.

A SERVANT’S SONG

The Basin and Towel

NARRATION: *It is Passover, and the disciples are gathered with their Teacher to celebrate the feast. During the meal, Jesus stands, wraps a clean cloth around His waist, and pours water into the basin. Kneeling before His followers, He begins to wash their feet, then dry them with a cloth. “Do you understand what I have done for you? I have set the example; learn from Me. No servant is greater than his master, and no messenger greater than the one who sent him. Do as I have done.”*

Cleansed for service, we are whiter than snow.

What wondrous love is this?

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Jesus washed their feet with teardrops.
Christ, in mercy, knelt down.
Taking up a tattered garment,
Jesus laid aside His crown.
There before His own creation,
Jesus took a servant's place,
gently washed their feet with teardrops
and He bathed their hearts with grace.

Come, all pilgrims, to the table,
all those weary from the road.
Jesus waits to give you comfort.
He will wash you white as snow.
At the end of every journey,
Jesus waits with fond embrace;
He will wash your feet with teardrops.
He will bathe your hearts with grace.

Christian, will you be a servant,
kneeling in the Savior's place,
washing feet with mercy's teardrops,
bathing hearts with heaven's grace?

Jesus, wash our feet with teardrops.
Jesus, wash our hearts with grace.

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

Lesson 1: Service

NARRATION: *Hear the words of the Teacher:*

“I did not come to be served, but to serve. Be dressed and ready for service.”

By the gift of God's grace, we become servants.

Take the yoke of service and learn.

Take my yoke upon you. Come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

THE CUP

NARRATION: *It is evening in Gethsemane, and in the stillness the Teacher withdraws to pray alone.*

“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

Agonizing over what lies ahead, He continues, praying, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done.”

As He surrenders to the embrace of obedience, great beads of sweat begin to fall from His face upon the ground, like drops of red-wine blood.

A SHADOW FELL ON SHARON’S ROSE

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power.
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour.

A shadow fell on Sharon’s Rose in dark Gethsemane,
and evening fell as hard as stone beneath the olive trees.
A bitter wind began to blow as Jesus prayed at night alone.
“Father, Father, let Thy will be done.”

A petal fell from Sharon’s Rose as love embraced the throne.
For Jesus, there was no repose, no shelter from the storm.
A bitter wind began to blow as Jesus drank the cup alone.
“Father, Father, let Thy will be done.”

Come to dark Gethsemane. Kyrie Eleison.

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

Lesson 2: Obedience

NARRATION: *Hear the words of the teacher: “I obey My Father's command and remain in His love. If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching.”*

Through Christ we've received grace to the obedience that comes through faith.

Take the yoke of obedience and learn.

Take My yoke upon you. Come and learn from Me.
Take My yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

THE CROWN OF THORNS

NARRATION: *It is daylight at the Praetorium, where the governor hands the Teacher over to be crucified. The soldiers twist together a crown of thorns and place it on His head. Stripping His clothes from Him, they lay a purple robe across His shoulders and place a staff in His hand. With a thirst for ridicule, the soldiers kneel before Him as they cry, "Hail, king of the Jews!"*

Bruised and beaten, spit upon and scorned, He endures insult and shame.

Finally, as He stands silent beneath the weight, the soldiers strip Him of the purple robe.

O, GENTLE JESUS

O, gentle Jesus, wounded for me, surely You have borne my griefs.
O, tender Jesus, You are the great I Am.
Yet You became as nothing to become the Easter Lamb.

O, tender Jesus, suffering for me, climbing to dark Calvary.
O, gentle Jesus, You are the world. You are the word of life.
Yet You in silence die to give me voice on high.

O, lovely Jesus, O, Lamb of God.
You chose to face death's dark abyss
to plant the Rose of hope therein.
Its fragrance pure leads us on to heaven's bliss.

O, gentle Jesus, wounded for me, bleeding, dying on the tree.
O, gentle Jesus, You are the great I Am.
Yet You became as nothing to become the Easter Lamb.

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

Lesson 3: Humility

NARRATION: *Hear the words of the Teacher: "I am gentle and humble in heart. Whoever humbles themselves will be exalted."*

Be clothed with humility, for God gives grace to the humble.
Take the yoke of humility and learn.

Take My yoke upon you. Come and learn from Me.
Take My yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

COME TO THE CROSS

The Cross

NARRATION: *It is afternoon on the hill called Golgotha. Pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquities, the Teacher hangs, suspended on the cross. Although His body is suffused with pain, His heart overflows with grace as He cries, "Father, forgive them, for they do not understand what they are doing."*

Darkness shrouds the earth as the sun hides its face in sorrow. And the sky grows black as midnight.

Come to the cross. Kneel in its shadow.
Come to the lonely place where teardrops turn to grace.
Behold the dying Lamb of God. Kyrie Eleison.

Come to the cross, rest in the promise.
Come to the shattered throne where Jesus dies alone.
Behold the wounded King of kings. Kyrie Eleison.

Father, Father, Father, forgive them.

Come to the cross. Come to the fountain.
Come to the windswept hill; the cross is waiting still.
Behold the Man of Calvary. Kyrie Eleison.

Come to the cross.

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Epilogue

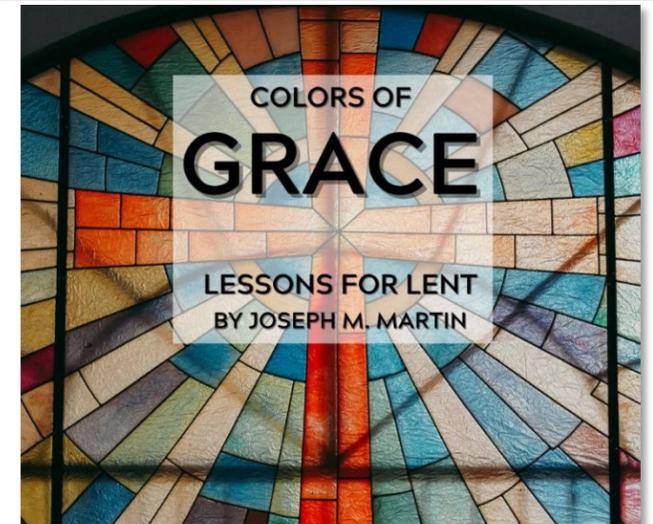
Lesson 4: Forgiveness

NARRATION: *Hear the words of the Teacher:*

"Take heart; your sins are forgiven. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

In Christ, we have forgiveness according to the riches of God's grace.

Take the yoke of forgiveness and learn.



Sunday, March 29, 2026

Presented by the FPC Choir

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministry

Narrator: The Rev. Addie Peterson
Organ: Edna Broadhurst
Strings: Simon Lapointe, Violin; Heejin Weisbrod, Violin;
Beverly Baker, Viola; Dionne Smith, Cello
Soprano: Sofia Calicchio, Ann Davis, Kim McCormick,
Oralie Wilhite
Alto: Gabrielle Goodrich, Jennifer Patgorski, Gail Pittman
Tenor: Skip Baker-Smith, Todd Taylor
Bass: Michael Broadhurst, Raymond Rodrigues

Movements

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Take My Yoke Upon You Ann Davis, soloist
A Servant's Song – The Basin and the Towel
Raymond Rodrigues and Oralie Wilhite, soloists
Take My Yoke Upon You – **Lesson 1: Service**
The Cup
A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose Gail Pittman, soloist
Take My Yoke Upon You – **Lesson 2: Obedience**
Michael Broadhurst, soloist
The Crown of Thorns
O, Gentle Jesus Todd Taylor, soloist
Take My Yoke Upon You – **Lesson 3: Humility**
Skip Baker-Smith, soloist
Come to the Cross Gabrielle Goodrich, soloist
Epilogue – **Lesson 4: Forgiveness**