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COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday, March 2, 1960

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

We value the privilege of being the host church to other congregations of the Kerrisdale-Shaughnessy Community and gladly welcome members and friends of the six associate churches. We express deep appreciation to our guest preacher, Rev. M. J. V. Shaver, B. A., United Church Chaplain at the University of British Columbia.

The service next Wednesday evening will be conducted in St. Mary's Anglican Church, 37th Avenue at Larch, at 8 o'clock. The Most Reverend Howard H. Clark, D. D., Primate of all Canada, will be the guest preacher.

The major portion of the offerings received at the Lenten Services is contributed to various Christian charities and organizations at the discretion of the ministers of the co-operating churches. There are, of course, certain incidental expenses to be met.

As a local congregation we are again grateful for the pleasure of meeting during the Lenten period with the ministers and members of other churches in the Kerrisdale-Shaughnessy district. We regard the services as a fitting expression of our mutual love of God and our mutual desire to do His work with tolerant and loving regard for Christians of other communions.

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 17: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

THE DOXOLOGY

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM SELECTION 700

THE ANTHEM: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". Shelley

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 637: "The Lord's my Shepherd"
Let us Pray.

CHORAL PRAYER: "O Spirit of the Living God"

THE SERMON: REV. M. J. V. SHAVER, B.A.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: "We give Thee but Thine own"

RECESSIONAL HYMN 98: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Scripture - Mark 16 :-

In my former Parish I had a woman come to me
who should have been utterly crushed,

Her Life was a disaster -

Alcohol addiction figured "large" was

Home had collapsed.

Broken Marriage - Divorce was not possible

Ill fated love affair - intentional abortions

Through entering seriously into A. A. programme & community.

gives her sobriety

with it - gives her life back!

just as it was.

some gift!

- no future in marriage

~~no sex~~

no sex life without shame

no glow of family circle.

no children.

to her - no - { unmountable -
unbearable.

No certainty - any of these realised

No promise - obviously call successful life

No Hope -

My Role -

Means - Open the Gospel together.
Hear Healing word of God.

only { Promises } God's Love
Hope
certainty }

Certain

Undefeatable

↑ God's will for her.

she becomes Love's child.

Certain

Undefeatable

- power to Love - go on Loving

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Gospel means →

got that = got everything.
= got God.

nothing more to add
no more need

Isn't max - God is Love.

Loving is communion with God.

Love is God's full reign in her.

no circumstances need
frustrate this.

She who said? -

When I am on edge of believing that - I panic
there's gotta be more
} make companionship
} glow of the Father's love

This was a profound seeing into everyman.

Verge - Love alone - Final victory + Power } Panic
Relief of Loving - to be enough
letting go everything
else.

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Dynamic behind this panic - is what crucified X

B. + of X our salvation for this panic.

A. Dynamic Behind this panic.

Fear of letting everything else go

grow dizzy - risk abandonment.

in trust - Love alone as God.

what we mortally fear or hate - seek to destroy.

Fear - Love alone as sovereign.

(S491d) not so much -

against Love.

" Love as God

Love as Ultimate concern

Love as our thy that nearly matters

↑
Kind of people we are.

Love as God - seek to destroy:

Meaning of N. T. Insight

{ Son of Man must die.

{ X - the crucified one - must suffer.

Love alone as God - appears too much like man's destruction.

At the time - appeared too much like Israel's Destruction

* Forgive sinners - appeared - opposed that for which Christ stood.

Given earth for Sabbath :- "made for man"

given earth to keep it unique.

Love himself ? - gives his God to all men

Nothing else mattered - men have →
rules + Law -

X must die →

Because such is the Radical peril of man

of God as Love alone

Man will go the whole way - radical resistance.
radical rejection.

seek to destroy God.

B. God to redeem - the whole way. Radical Resistance
Radical Reversal with us

Why did X have to die - to save us?
questions for speculation.

Any one who knows this pain in himself.

aware of how radical is this rejection - knows

there is no cheap remedy

Nothings.

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short of ~~q~~ knows that God hears all that man's
resistance can do - still God.

~~But~~

Total Relevance - Doesn't stop God from being Love
Doesn't stop Love from being Sovereign

Anyone who knows this pain :-

Noth has then the good news
is sufficient

Knows Strength of the Fear - what it will do -

enough -

resent.

run

hide

kill God.

I might still be able to do it - what is at the depth
of the pain.

Noth has then the news that

no matter how far you resist, run, hide... Kill God.

He is still Sovereign Holy Love

It is still Love with which you have to deal

He is Sovereign Holy Will -

remains

that

you be

} how you feel -