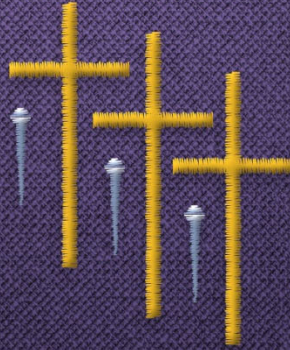


SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

February 28, 2021



AS WE GATHER

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN ~ 848 *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service / Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, / Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship / Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose / Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless; / Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; / Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion / Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles / Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, / Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, / Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens / Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, / Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, / Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, / Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, / Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom / May Your mercy know and live.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,

People: but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

Pastor: David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,"

People: but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

Pastor: Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,

People: but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.

Pastor: God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

INTROIT

Psalm 115:11-3; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

**People: The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**

Pastor: He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

**People: We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

SONG ~ *We Fall Down*

***We fall down _ We lay our crowns _ At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of _ mercy and love _ At the feet of Jesus***

***And we cry holy, holy, holy _ We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy _ Is the Lamb.***

Repeat

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,

People: grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v.22

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

EPISTLE ~ Romans 5:1-11

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE ~ *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

HOLY GOSPEL ~ Mark 8:27-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON ~ "Profit and Loss In God's Kingdom" Mark 8:27-38

HYMN ~ 753 *All for Christ I Have Forsaken*

- 1 All for Christ I have forsaken / And have taken up my cross;
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, / Now I count as worthless dross.
- 2 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus? / No good thing in Him I lack!
Hand to plow, at peace I follow / Where He leads me . . . why look back?
- 3 Gone the past, unknown the future—Grace supplies my daily breath;
Strong in Christ through death's dark valley, / Firm and faithful unto death.
- 4 When God takes me home to heaven, / Should this be the day I die,
God will keep my spouse and children / As the apple of His eye.
- 5 Though the road ahead be thorny, / Though dark clouds all light obscure,
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper, / With the Lord, I am secure.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING (*Online giving is available on the website.*)

OFFERTORY ~ 786 *Lord of All Good*

- 1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now; / Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be / That our whole life is offered to Your will.
- D 3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows; / Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: / To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son was undeterred in following His purpose in life, going to the cross and dying and rising for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN ~ “The Lord of Hosts Is Holy”

“The Lord of hosts is ho - ly! The Lord of hosts is ho - ly!
The Lord of hosts is ho - ly! His glo - ry fills the earth!”

The ser- a - phim to – geth - er Cried out their ex - ul – ta - tion.
The Lord filled all the tem - ple With glo - ry from His throne.

That bril - liant, fear - some vi - sion Was fol - lowed by a call - ing.
In faith, I – sa - iah an - swered And spoke pro – phe - tic words.

“The Lord of host is ho - ly! The earth is filled with glo - ry!”
In wor – ship - ful a – maze - ment We cry: “Ho – san - na, Lord!”

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for before creation You planned our salvation and then sent Your Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We rejoice to receive the salvation He won for us by purposively going to the cross as both priest and sacrifice. Give us such purpose with Your Word and Spirit that we take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way, and gather us with all the faithful from the ends of the earth for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ "O Lamb of God, We Pray"

***O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a – way – Our faith in – crease.
Have mercy on us all, Strength – en us when we fall,
An – swer our fer – vent call And grant us peace.***

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DISTRIBUTION *(in the Sanctuary)*

HYMN ~ 422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

- 1 On my heart imprint Your image, / Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures / Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: / Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, / And my glory and salvation!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son let nothing keep Him from the cross and that through this Sacrament You have given purpose to our lives. Continue to strengthen us that we may grow in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN ~ 430 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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