

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship during this season of Lent.

We worship Jesus Christ, our Messiah,

whose sacrifice and love teach us how to be humble and to serve.

God shows us how to live through Christ.

Let us praise God for his great gifts to us in Christ, our Messiah.

GOD'S GREETING

I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

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I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell;
How the victory he gives me over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

THE GOSPEL SONG

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Holy God, in love, became
Perfect Man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin.
By His death I live again.

(Repeat 2 more times.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and

rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

WHAT LOVE, MY GOD

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What love my God would bring You down to earth
What king would take a low and lonely birth
Yet to this dark and broken place You came
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life
To walk the road rejected and despised
That You might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God could hold You to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me

The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
The Healer bleeds the Life was made to die

O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see You face to face
You raise me up to see You face to face

O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood
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SCRIPTURE: MARK:22-9:1

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴ He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." ²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

9 And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

This is the Word of the LORD.

MESSAGE: WHO IS JESUS? THE CHRIST

O Jesus, We Adore You

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O Jesus, we adore you, upon the cross, our King.
We bow our hearts before you; your gracious name we sing.
That name has brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

The world does yet disdain you, still passing by the cross;
Lord, may our hearts retain you; all else we count but loss.
Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned you and nailed you to the tree;
Our pride, O Lord, disdained you, yet you have set us free.

O glorious King, we praise you, no longer pass you by;
O Jesus, we confess you the Son enthroned on high.
Lord, grant to us forgiveness; life through your death restore;
Yes, grant to us the fullness of life forevermore.

Jesus, Messiah

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He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

Time of Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

(J.2.1.6 WS2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Messiah, we say we know who you are. We join in declaring that you are the Christ, but we want you to make all the pain and sorrow in the world disappear. We don't want to suffer. We confess the times that we have doubted you in the face of trouble. We are sorry that we don't always remember that you are in control. Forgive us for trying to make the world work our way. Enable us to be willing to sacrifice for you. Teach us how to serve you even when the way is hard. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words of Jesus from Matthew 11: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Christ, our Messiah, has saved us from our sins.

Response: Thanks be to God!

GOD'S CALL TO HOLY LIVING:

BENEATH THE CROSS

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Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own.
Once strangers
chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us—
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – PASTOR MATT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SENDING

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life.

RESPONSE:

Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(J.9.1.2 WS2)

BLESSING

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Worthy is Christ, worthy is Christ; Digno es Jesús, digno es Jesús;
To him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord. De recibir la gloria, digno es Jesús.

He gave his life, he died for me; Su vida dio, por mí murió;
To him be praise and glory: worthy is the Lord. De recibir la gloria, digno es Jesús.

POSTLUDE