



**Jesus,
Peter, &
Me**

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 29TH, 2023

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

March 29th, 2023

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 25:12-22

¹² Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. ¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. ¹⁴ The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes *are* ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I *am* desolate and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses! ¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. ²⁰ Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. ²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#721 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Author: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1887)

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

2 Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

3 O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!

4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.**

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen

p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

c **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**

PRAYER

p Let us pray . . . O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been re-

deemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

PASSION READING #5: MATTHEW 27:27-44

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

The King on a Cross

³² Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

³³ And when they had come to a place called Golgotha,

that is to say, Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him sour^[n] wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots,^[o] that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”^[p]

³⁶ Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. ³⁷ And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

³⁹ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders,^[q] said, ⁴² “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel,^[r] let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.^[s] ⁴³ He trusted in

God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'”

⁴⁴ Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Psalm of The Day: Psalm 25:1-11

P To You, O LORD,

C **I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;

C **Let not my enemies triumph over me.**

P Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

C **Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously with-
out cause.**

P Show me Your ways, O LORD;

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are*
the God of my salvation;

C **On You I wait all the day.**

P Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and
Your lovingkindnesses,

C For they *are* from of old.

P Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

C According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

P Good and upright is the LORD;

C Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

P The humble He guides in justice,

C And the humble He teaches His way.

P All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth,

C To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

P For Your name's sake, O LORD,

C Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Amen

#143 "O Dearest Jesus"

By Johann Heermann, 1585-1647

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --
What dark transgression?

2. They crown Thy head with thorns,
they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

3. Whence come these sorrows,
whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

II. But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, oh, let Thy Spirit win me
And reign within me!

15. And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

SERMON

Matthew 26:57-58 ⁵⁷ And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

Jesus, Peter and Me: Discipleship

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING, PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen

#394 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

by Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide. Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!



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