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The Second Sunday in Lent

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“How Firm a Foundation”

- ♪ How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- ♪ “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- ♪ “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- ♪ “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- ♪ “Thru out all their lifetime My people will prove My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

O God, why do You cast us off forever?

**Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

**That we may learn repentance. A Time of Silence**

*Psalms 74:1*

O Lord,

**We poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. Your name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved You above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. Be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading** *Please Be Seated*

Jeremiah 26:8–15

<sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!” <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

## **The Epistle**

Philippians 3:17–4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## **Gradual Hymn** *Please Stand*

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you,

Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

## Apostles' Creed

### Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

**The Hymn**      *Music: “When I Survey”, Hymn 425*      “O God of Grace and Righteousness”

♪ O God of grace and righteousness, Hear and attend when I complain;  
Your grace has taught me in distress; Bow down Your gracious ear again.

♪ O sons of men, in vain you try To turn my glory into shame;  
How long will scoffers love to lie And dare reproach my Savior's name?

♪ Know that the Lord divides His saints From all the tribes of men beside;  
He hears the cry of penitents For the dear sake of Christ who died.

♪ When our obedient hands have done A thousand works of righteousness,  
We still but trust in God alone And glory in His pard'ning grace.

♪ Let the unthinking doubters say, “Who will show us some earthly good?”  
Lord, lift Your light on us, we pray, And give to us Your heav'nly food.

♪ Then shall our cheerful hearts rejoice At grace and favors so divine!  
Nor will I change faith's happy choice For earthly grain and richest wine.

♪ In peace I will lie down and sleep Safe in the grasp of Your rich grace.  
O Triune God, with voices sweet, We sing Your praise in endless days.

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Stand Firm in the Lord”

Philippians 3:17–4:1

## Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

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*

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

- ♪ Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding,  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- ♪ Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth here-after.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- ♪ Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death.  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- ♪ Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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## Postlude

**Door Offering** *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*