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The Third Wednesday in Lent

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As We Gather

Genesis 39

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Life of All the Living” (vv. 1-3)

- ♪ Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- ♪ Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- ♪ Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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Invocation

In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph of Genesis

And come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

As the devil “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour,” we confess we have not resisted the temptations we so often face.

We have sinned against You and against others in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

We have not loved You with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In our fallings and because of our failings,

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all

grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to take upon Himself the sins of the world, 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. To Him be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 141:8–10

But my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my Lord; in You I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers!

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1–12

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

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

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we journey with Joseph together in this Lenten season, help us to recognize the temptations around us, the snares of the evil one, and the strength You have come to bring. Point us in repentant faith to Your carrying of our sins upon Yourself to the cross, that we may rejoice in Your forgiveness and by faith remain steadfast all our days, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Epistle

1 Peter 5:8–11

⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

♪ Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!

‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!

‘Tis the long-expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it: ‘Tis the true and faithful Word.

♪ Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?

Friends thro’ fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;

Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

♪ Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great

Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;

‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

♪ Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:

Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 22:43–65

⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for

sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

The Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- ♪ When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- ♪ Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
- ♪ See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- ♪ Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Proclamation of the Word

“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”

Genesis 39:7–10

Apostles' Creed *Please Stand*

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Benediction

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And come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Christ bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Abide With Me”

- ♪ Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- ♪ I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can
Foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- ♪ Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with
Healing in Thy wings; Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- ♪ Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its
Glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- ♪ I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight
And tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- ♪ Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Postlude

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