

## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

*The Price Paid for our Redemption*

### PRELUDE

#### HYMN #610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION AND SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Page 213, 214 right column*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors**

as ourselves. 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.

### PSALM Psalm 42:1-11

*Responsively, half verse by half verse; all join in the Gloria*

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams,

**People: so pants my soul for you, O God.**

Pastor: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

**People: When shall I come and appear before God?**

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night,

**People: while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"**

Pastor: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

**People: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God**

Pastor: with glad shouts and songs of praise,

**People: a multitude keeping festival.**

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

**People: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

Pastor: My soul is cast down within me,

**People: therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

Pastor: Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;

**People: all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.**

Pastor: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me,

**People: a prayer to the God of my life.**

Pastor: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

**People: Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy.**

Pastor: As with a deadly in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,

**People: while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"**

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

**People: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

**All: 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.**

## SALUTATION

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Be seated)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 51:12-23

"I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mere mortals, human beings who are but grass, that you forget the LORD your Maker, who stretches out the heavens and who lays the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction? For where is the wrath of the oppressor? The cowering prisoners will soon be set free; they will not die in their dungeon, nor will they lack bread. For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD Almighty is his name. I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand— who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'" Awake, awake! Rise up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes people stagger. Among all the children she bore there was none to guide her; among all the children she reared there was none to take her by the hand. These double calamities have come upon you—who can comfort you?—ruin and destruction, famine and sword—who can console you? Your children have fainted; they lie at every street corner, like antelope caught in a net. They are filled with the wrath of the LORD, with the rebuke of your God. Therefore hear this, you afflicted one, made drunk, but not with wine. This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends his people: "See, I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger; from that cup, the goblet of my wrath, you will never drink again. I will put it into the hands of your tormentors, who said to you, 'Fall prostrate that we may walk on you.' And you made your back like the ground, like a street to be walked on."

## EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of

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the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

6:00

*"Lead Me to the Cross"*

*Grades 1-3*

(Rise)

## GOSPEL Matthew 26:31-46

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

## APOSTLES' CREED

(Be seated)

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**HYMN #436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

**MESSAGE *Trials in the Garden of Gethsemane* Matthew 26:31-46**

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Pages 215 & 216*

*Response at the end of each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION** *Page 218*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"**

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.  
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Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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