

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

The Price Paid for our Redemption

PRELUDE

HYMN #425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Rise)

INVOCATION AND SENTENCES

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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PSALM 22

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

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

People: and by night, but I find no rest.

Pastor: Yet you are holy,

People: enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Pastor: In you our fathers trusted;

People: They trusted, and you delivered them.

Pastor: To you they cried and were rescued;

People: In you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man,

People: scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

People: they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

Pastor: "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;

People: Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Pastor: Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

People: you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

Pastor: On you was I cast from my birth,

People: and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Pastor: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

People: and there is none to help.

Pastor: Many bulls encompass me;

People: strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

Pastor: They open wide their mouths at me,

People: like a ravening and roaring lion.

Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

People: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Pastor: my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

People: you lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: For dogs encompass me;

People: a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet-

Pastor: I can count all my bones-

People: they stare and gloat over me;

Pastor: they divide my garments among them,

People: and for my clothing they cast lots.

Pastor: But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

People: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Pastor: Deliver my soul from the sword,

People: my precious life from the power of the dog!

Pastor: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

People: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Pastor: I will tell of your name to my brothers;

People: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Pastor: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

People: and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Pastor: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,

People: but has heard, when he cried to him.

Pastor: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

People: my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

Pastor: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

People: May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

People: and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

Pastor: For kingship belongs to the Lord,

People: and he rules over the nations.

Pastor: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

People: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Pastor: Posterity shall serve him;

People: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

Pastor: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

People: that he has done it.

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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COLLECT

Merciful and everlasting God the Father, who did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all that he might bear our sins on the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in our Savior that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For 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. He 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. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But 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. All 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. He 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. By 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? And 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. Yet 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. Out 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. Therefore 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.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Rise)

GOSPEL Matthew 27:27-50

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

APOSTLES' CREED

(Be seated)

HYMN #427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

MESSAGE "Mistreatment, Mocking, and Crucifixion"
Matthew 27:27-50

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)

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HYMN #433 "Glory Be to Jesus"

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