

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

The Price Paid for our Redemption

PRELUDE

HYMN #570 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I Come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(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.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to
die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power
to become the children of God and bestows on them the
Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work
in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

People: Amen.

PSALM 54

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

Pastor: O God, save me, by your name,

People: and vindicate me by your might.

Pastor: O God, hear my prayer;

People: give ear to the words of my mouth.

Pastor: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men
seek my life;

People: they do not set God before themselves.

Pastor: Behold, God is my helper;

People: the Lord is the upholder of my life.

Pastor: He will return the evil to my enemies;

People: in your faithfulness put an end to them

Pastor: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

People: I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Pastor: For he has delivered me from every trouble,

People: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**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, graciously behold this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same 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 Zechariah 11:12-13

Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the "potter" the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.

EPISTLE Acts 1:15-20

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office."

6:00 *"A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words – The Love That Jesus Showed"*

(Rise)

GOSPEL Matthew 26:69-27:10

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him

over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

APOSTLES' CREED

(Be seated)

HYMN #420 "Christ the Life of All the Living"

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the depth of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, 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;
Yes, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to
be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

MESSAGE "Disciples Who Betrayed and Denied"

Matt.26:69-27:10

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

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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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN #685 “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” Stanzas 1-3

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 hereafter. Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.⁴ 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.

Worship Leader

Pastor Gregg Stanton

Lectors

Frank Gabler, Bob Woller

Acolyte

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