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**WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022
6:00 PM**

Lenten Worship



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.

*Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you
After the service, speak to your neighbor.*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed.

Mercy in Suffering • Peter : • No life is without suffering, but our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed to us in Jesus by God's great mercy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

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

C Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

P O my God, I cry by day and by night, but I find no rest.

C Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

P Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.

C O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

P You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen.

C O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

P You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.

C O you my help, come quickly to my aid.

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

C But God has heard when we cried to him. Amen.

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord”. We likewise confess to God that we have often spoken against him and have sinned.

C Holy God, we confess our sin to you. When adversity and suffering have come our way, we have complained and spoken against you. We have forgotten your many benefits and blessings to us. We have not trusted you through the hard times, but have resented you and resorted to our own strength. Forgive our iniquity, and pardon our sin.

P We cry to you for mercy.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that “as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life”. In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sin and gives you eternal life. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C Amen.

Prayer of the day *together we pray:*

C Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage we do so in view of your mercy. We encounter many hardships and much suffering in life. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we may trust you through the trials and take up the cross to follow you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 21: 4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,^[a] to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous^[b] serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous^[c] serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R Lord have mercy on us,

C That we might love you with our whole heart.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2: 21-25

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,^[a] so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds^[b] you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls

R Lord have mercy on us,

C That we might love you with our whole heart.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:14-17

⁴ When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; ¹⁵ he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

P This is the Word of Truth.

C Lord help us to understand.

Teaching: *"Mercy in Suffering"* **Michelle Cegon**

TRUST, GUIDANCE

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1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

THE OFFERING OFFERING PRAYER

C Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who struggle with hardships and suffer with pain.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we encounter the brokenness of this world and the suffering that it brings—such as natural disasters, economic reversals and financial losses—restore us with your healing power so that we might rest secure in you as our mighty fortress.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we experience broken relationships and the suffering that these bring—such as estrangement of family members, alienation from friends and conflict within congregations—restore us with your healing power so that we might seek reconciliation and peace.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we experience broken bodies and the suffering that it brings—such as illness, injury and disability—restore us with your healing power so that we might live in health once again.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we experience broken minds and the suffering that it brings—such as with mental illness, neurosis and dementia—restore us with your healing power so that we might know of your love.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we experience broken spirits and the suffering that it brings—such as depression, despair and desperation—restore us with your healing power so that we might have hope.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we encounter the death of loved ones and the sorrow that it brings, restore us with your abiding comfort so that we might trust in your victory over death.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we encounter our own death and the terror that it brings, restore us with your resurrection power so that we might live eternally in your glory.

C Lord, grant me your grace to trust you in times of suffering and sorrow.

P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus the Suffering Servant.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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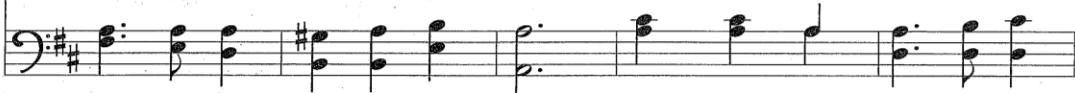
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

BENEDICTION

P May the merciful God, who suffered the pain of the cross for you and your salvation, strengthen you to trust him through hardship according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Sandy Wiedling

GREETERS: Char

READER: Char Schomisch

LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd our guest teacher will be Char Schomisch.

Mercy in Betrayal • Peter : • Though we may turn away from our God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into his merciful arms for Jesus' sake.

Holy Week Services:

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| April 9 | Palm Sunday Weekend | Sat., 4:00 p.m. |
| April 10 | | Sun., 7:45 & 9:30 |
| April 14 | Maundy Thursday Service | 6:00 p.m. |
| April 15 | Good Friday Service | 6:00 p.m. |
| April 17 | Easter Sunday Service | 7:00 & 9:30 a.m. |
| | Easter Breakfast | 8:00 a.m. |

There is no service on Saturday, April 16th.

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Unless you are expecting a call from GOD!***



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