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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

### Opening Hymn #523 (v. 1-3, 5, 7)

#### *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*

1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near With His cheer;

Never will He leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven

That God's Son For my own

To my faith hath given?

2. Though a heavy cross I'm bearing

And my heart Feels the smart,

Shall I be despairing?

God, my Helper, who doth send it,

Well doth know All my woe

And how best to end it.

3. God oft gives me days of gladness;

Shall I grieve If He give

Seasons, too, of sadness?

God is good and tempers ever

All my ill, And He will

Wholly leave me never.

5. Death cannot destroy forever;

From our fears, Cares, and tears

It will us deliver.

It will close life's mournful story,

Make a way That we may  
Enter heavenly glory.

7. Lord, my Shepherd, take me to Thee.  
Thou art mine; I was Thine,  
Even e'er I knew Thee.  
I am Thine, for Thou hast bought me;  
Lost I stood, But Thy blood  
Free salvation brought me.

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners  
confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and  
that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed.  
Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and  
imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C **O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-  
begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His  
sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy  
Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will  
and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace**

**we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C ♪Amen.**

### **Introit**

P: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**C: for they have been from of old.**

P: You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

**C: He is their help and their shield.**

P: The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

**C: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**

P: he will bless those who fear the LORD,

**C: both the small and the great.**

P: We will bless the LORD

**C: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

P: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**C: for they have been from of old.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

P The Lord be with you

C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ **Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you... <sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Psalm of the Day – Psalm 22:23-31**  
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*Antiphon - Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.*

23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*

**and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!**

24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his | face from him,\*

**but has heard, when he | cried to him.**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*

**my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.**

26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*

**May your hearts live for- | ever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*

**and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.**

28 For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*

**and he rules over the | nations.**

29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.**

30 Posterity shall | serve him;\*

**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**

31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*

**that he has | done it.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
As it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Lesson – Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **The Gradual**

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

**C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Hallelujah!**

## **Triple Hallelujah**

### **The Gospel – Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### **Confession of Faith** ***Apostle’s Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #429**

#### ***Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart***

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share,  
Yea, heaven itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee no one could shake.  
Thou art the Portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in every place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And serve and help my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile  
And Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.



Lord Jesus Christ,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abram's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my Fount of grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

### **Sermon Text – Romans 5:1-11**

#### **Sermon**

*By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting  
with God*

#### **Offertory**

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, teach us to shun neither our Lord's suffering nor our own. When we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless.

**<sup>1</sup> The ancient Law departs,  
And all its fears remove,**

P: Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them.

**For Jesus makes with faithful hearts  
A covenant of love.**

P: O Lord, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world.

**<sup>2</sup> The Light of Light divine,  
True brightness undefiled,**

P: O God, Abraham was only one man when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love.

**He bears for us the pain of sin,  
A holy, spotless child.**

P: O Lord, all kingship belongs to You, and You rule over the nations. Bless President Biden, and those who govern, that they may rule wisely and in accord with Your will.

**<sup>4</sup> Today the name is Thine  
At which we bend the knee.**

P: Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember \_\_\_\_\_.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

**They call Thee Jesus, child divine;  
Our Jesus deign to be.**

P: Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son

builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Sermon Hymn #346** *Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be*

1. Jesus! and shall it ever be  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine through endless days?

2. Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far  
Let evening blush to own a star.  
He sheds the beams of light divine  
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

3. Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon  
Let midnight be ashamed of noon.  
'Tis midnight with my soul till He,

Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.  
4. Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend  
On whom my hopes of heaven depend?  
No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I no more revere His name.

5. Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may  
When I've no guilt to wash away,  
No tear to wipe, no joy to crave,  
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

6. Till then--nor is the boasting vain--  
Till then I boast a Savior slain.  
And oh, may this my portion be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

### **Prayer**

P Let us pray..... who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever,

C ♪ **Amen**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #784**

#### ***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,

And lead the way.  
2. Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
And nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

## **Silent Prayer**

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