

Places of the Passion

Ash Wednesday: The City of Jerusalem

February 17, 2021
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

“Adagio in G Minor”

Tomaso Albinoni

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (sung by the quartet)

- 1 *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.*
- 2 *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.*

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3 *Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 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.*

4 *Let us also live with Jesus.
 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken.
 Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be,
 Life eternal grant to me.*

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

People: **To see the depths of His love.**

Leader: To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

People: **To gaze upon the heights of His grace.**

Leader: To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.
People: **We walk with Jesus to the City of Jerusalem.**

Leader: Because Passover is coming.
People: **And the Son of Man will be crucified.**

Leader: Faithful Lord, with me abide.
People: **I shall follow where You guide!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Magnificent and merciful Father, because I walk into dark and dangerous places, hear me as I confess my sins.

People: **My feet take me to places of compromise and sinful ambition.**

Leader: My heart lingers in places of lust and lies.

People: **My words take me to places of anger, rage, and hatred.**

Leader: My ears delight in going to places of gossip, deceit, and ridicule.

People: **My mind takes me to places of selfishness and pride.**

Leader: My eyes lead me to places of envy and greed.

People: **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater)

Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death--for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha--for you. That is why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

People: **I shall follow where You guide!**

HYMN

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be (sung by quartet)

- 1 *Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.*
- 3 *Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.*
- 5 *O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, send forth Your Holy Spirit that this Lent we may ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (Sung by quartet)

Psalm 51:1-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:1-5

¹ When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ² "As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." ³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. ⁵ "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above.
Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we
pray. Jesus, You will finally deliver us from every storm so we lift our
prayers and raise our petitions to You.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from pride and arrogance, lest we fail to acknowledge our sins
and confess them.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver the world from the enemies of peace and from injustice and give
us good and faithful leaders to protect the unborn and promote virtue.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver the erring from their darkness, the doubting from their
uncertainty, and the wandering from their ways, and return them to You.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from the terror of death and the grave.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from selfish desire, from the tyranny of things, and from the
wasteful use of the resources You have entrusted to our care.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from ingratitude for all Your mercies and restore our hearts to
hope and joy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Jesus, deliver us and bring us to the table of Your body and blood.

People: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

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.

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.

Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.

The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. by Raymond H. Haan

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I am dying, Lord, walk with me.
When I am on my bed of sorrow, O Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

SILENT PRAYER

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus invites us to walk with Him to Jerusalem, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb--and resurrection victory.

People: Let us ever walk with Jesus!

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.

CLOSING HYMN

424 O Christ, You Walked to Road

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E Minor"

J. Pachelbel

Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Theodore Laesch

Liturgists: 11:00 a.m. Theodore Laesch
6:30 p.m. Ellory Glenn

Organist & Accompanist: Ryan Meyer

Singers: Lynda Christian
Denise Koch
Mark Petersen
Ellory Glenn

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