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March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM - www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran

Prelude “Just, Keep Me Near the Cross” - arranged by Mark Hayes, piano

Welcome- Announcements - Introduction to Today’s Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

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All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God’s word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

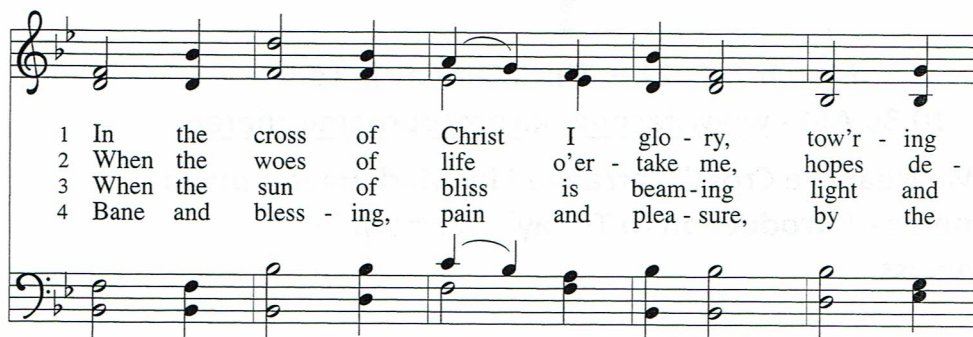
Amen.

Opening Hymn- ELW #324- "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - vss. 1 & 2

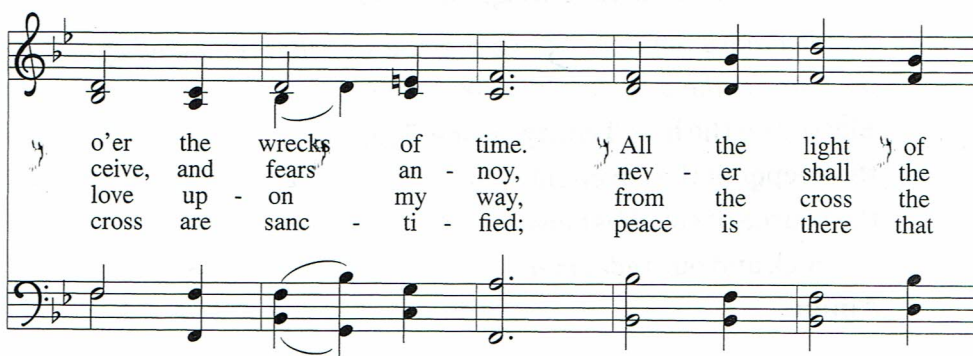
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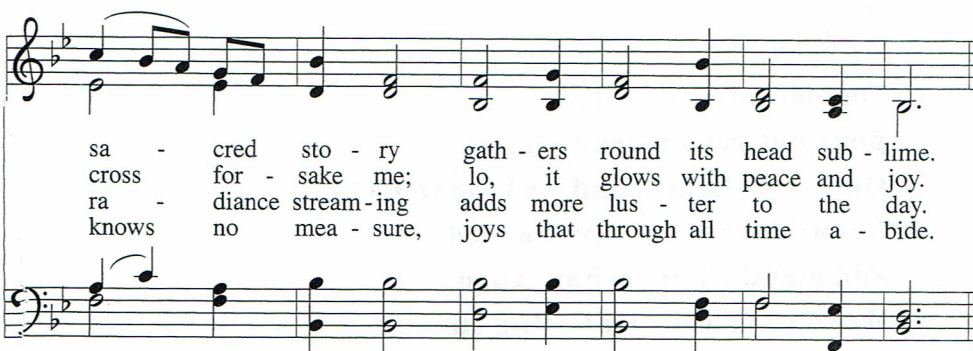
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diancy stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading- Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale to another, and
one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message
to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be
whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Holy Gospel - John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Message

Hymn - ELW #810 - "Oh, Jesus, I Have Promised" -vss. 1 & 3

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.
Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: You are our strength and our redeem:

People: Grant us your wisdom, O God.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Blessing

Dismissal- Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude "Little Rondo" - Richard Blake- Organ

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Lector	- Mark Harwick
Altar Guild	- Beth Snyder, Mark Hawick
Technology Leader	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Virtual Worship every Sunday at 10:30AM on Facebook.
- Virtual "Whirl" Sunday School every week on Facebook.
- March "Outreach" offering designated to SE PA Synod Appeal- "Blessed to be a Blessing"
- Midweek Lenten Zoom gathering- Wednesday 7:00PM
- PICK UP PALM BRANCHES! Saturday, March 27, 10 AM- NOON from Church Parking Lot
- PALM SUNDAY- March 28- 10:30 AM -- Parking Lot Worship with Communion- Church Parking Lot Hear the service through your radio. Also, pick up palms if you did not the day before.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Silas Rodenbach; Linda Sauter; the Streletz family; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crawn; De Lorenzo family; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Craig Hartzell; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkham; Andrea Miller; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Randy Rilling; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling; Donna Storm; Stephen Szalwinski; Yolanda Taube; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; Linda Willson; and Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D, Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck.

For the Grieving: The families of Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Leah Kneebone; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Gerry Seipt; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; and Duane Lehr

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Brittany and Dan Froehlich and their newborn daughter, Olivia Dawn Froehlich, in your prayers. Olivia was born December 4, 2020.