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***Lent 2 Evening Worship***

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7:00 PM

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*As we gather.* . . In this service for Week 2 of Lent in our *In View of God's Mercy* series, we look at our lives through the lens of our Lord's unceasing love and tolerance, even when his children grow angry and upset. Through the scriptures, God has given us room to cry out from our hearts, turning to him in every moment, both in need and in plenty.

*By His wounds, you have been healed. - 1 Peter 2:24*

**PRELUDE**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus/Lead Me to Calvary*

inspired by Beethoven, Arr. Don Wyrzten

Justin Streletz, Pianist

**WELCOME**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**+ HYMN**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

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.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, praying together. . .

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we acknowledge before You and before each other that we need Your mercy. Too often, we forget, in times of joy or rest, that we are still broken, still fallen, still in need of Your grace to redeem us. Lord, also forgive us our pride when we refuse to acknowledge our need for Your mercy even in the midst of our trials and tribulations. We sit in silent suffering, surrounded by Your children and Your love, and trying to find our own way out of the wilderness. Forgive us, guide us, and have mercy on us in our pride and stubbornness. In the name of Your precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

We cry to you for mercy!

**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.)*

## **KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of all Wisdom,  
we desire to be reconciled to your will in our world.  
Remove any obstacles before us  
that would keep us from understanding your Word.  
On this Lenten journey, guide our footsteps  
that we might follow the path of Christ to the cross.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Numbers 21:4-9 NRSV

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      1 Peter 2:21-25 NRSV

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.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## MESSAGE

Lord, Have Mercy

Richard D. Bennett

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE      *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*      470

## SILENT MEDITATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      39

## + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please leave prayerfully and in silence.*

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Please join us on Wednesday evenings through April 6<sup>th</sup> for**

Wednesday Night Alive Dinner	6:00 PM
Young People's Choir Rehearsal	6:25 PM
Lenten Worship ( <i>Communion on all dates except 3-16-22</i> )	7:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:30 PM