

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

March 22, 2023 | *The Fifth Wednesday of Lent*

The People stand where indicated by the asterisk * and read aloud the bold text.

PRELUDE

Nathan Skinner, *organist*

*HYMN No. 258

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

Cross of Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damian Long, *Minister of Small Groups & Young Adults*

O God, make speed to save us
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

*WELCOME

*PSALTER (*read responsively*)

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*kneeling or sitting*)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned, through our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SECOND LESSON

Luke 11:29-36

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Randall Wetzig, *Ministries Administrator*

SILENT REFLECTION (*kneeling or sitting*)

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN No. 259

Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy (sts. 1-3)

Bryn Calfaria

*BENEDICTION

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Rom. 4:7

1. Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -
 2. Here I rest, in won - der view - ing all my
 3. Here I find the dawn of heav - en, while up -
 4. O that near the cross a - bid - ing, I may

fore the cross I spend, life and health and
 sins on Je - sus laid, here I see re -
 on the cross I gaze, see my tres - pass -
 to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him my

peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing Friend.
 demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.
 es for - giv - en, and my songs of tri - umph raise.
 heart di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave.

James Allen, 1757
Alt. by Walter Shirley, 1770CROSS OF JESUS 8.7.8.7.
From John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

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Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
John 19:30

1. Hark! the voice of love and mer - cy sounds a - loud from Cal - va - ry;
 2. "It is fin - ished!" O what plea - sure do these pre - cious words af - ford;
 3. Fin - ished all the types and shad - ows of the cer - e - mo - nial law;
 4. Tune your harps a - new, ye ser - aphs, join to sing the glo - rious theme;

see, it rends the rocks a - sun - der, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:
 heav'n - ly bless - ings, with - out mea - sure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:
 fin - ished all that God had prom - ised; death and hell no more shall awe:
 all in earth, and all in heav - en, join to praise Em - man - uel's name:

rit.
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

rit.
 Hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry; hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry.
 Saints the dy - ing words re - cord; saints the dy - ing words re - cord.
 Saints, from hence your com - fort draw; saints, from hence your com - fort draw.
 Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb! Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb!

Jonathan Evans, 1784; alt.

BRYN CALFARIA 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.7.
William Owen, 1852