

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

March 29, 2023 | *The Sixth 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 Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families & Youth*

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 READING Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!
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 Romans 5:12-19

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *I Surrender* Matt Crocker (b. 1987)
Tammy McLeod, *voice*; Zach McLeod, *guitar*

Here I am down on my knees again, surrendering all.
And find me here, Lord, as you draw me near,
desperate for you: I surrender.

Drench my soul. As mercy and grace unfold, I hunger and thirst.
With arms stretched wide, I know you hear my cry.
Speak to me now: I surrender. I want to know you more.

Like a rushing wind, Jesus, breathe within.
Lord, have your way in me.
Like a mighty storm, stir within my soul.
Lord, have your way in me.

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SECOND LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

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HOMILY David Heckendorn

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. 262 *Come and Mourn with Me Awhile* St. Cross

*BENEDICTION

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing 258

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 -
 on 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, 1770

CROSS OF JESUS 8.7.8.7.
 From John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile 262

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. Matt. 27:50

1. O come and mourn with me a - while; O come ye
 2. Sev'n times he spake, sev'n words of love; and all three
 3. O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self -
 4. A bro - ken heart, a fount of tears, ask, and they
 5. O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread

to the Sav - ior's side; O come, to - geth - er let us mourn:
 hours his si - lence cried for mer - cy on the souls of men:
 • love and guilt - y pride his Pi - late and his Ju - das were:
 will not be de - nied; a bro - ken heart love's cra - dle is:
 act your strength is tried, and vic - to - ry re - mains with love:

REFRAIN
 Je - sus, our Lord, is cru - ci - fied!

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

ST. CROSS L.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1823-1876