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*Fourth Midweek
Lenten Service*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Karen Suter



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Praise God in His Holy Temple"
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

S. Scott
Arr. D. Paxton

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.

What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

PSALM 55

- ¹Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
²Attend to me, and answer me;

I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
³because of the noise of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they drop trouble upon me,
and in anger they bear a grudge against me.
⁴My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
⁵Fear and trembling come upon me,
and horror overwhelms me.
⁶And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest;
⁷yes, I would wander far away;
I would lodge in the wilderness;
⁸I would hurry to find a shelter
from the raging wind and tempest."
⁹Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues;
for I see violence and strife in the city.
¹⁰Day and night they go around it on its walls,
and iniquity and trouble are within it;
¹¹ruin is in its midst;
oppression and fraud
do not depart from its marketplace.
¹²For it is not an enemy who taunts me—
then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—
then I could hide from him.
¹³But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.
¹⁴We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.

¹⁵Let death steal over them;
let them go down to Sheol alive;
for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

¹⁶But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.

¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.

¹⁸He redeems my soul in safety
from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

¹⁹God will give ear and humble them,
he who is enthroned from of old,
because they do not change
and do not fear God.

²⁰My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;
he violated his covenant.

²¹His speech was smooth as butter,
yet war was in his heart;
his words were softer than oil,
yet they were drawn swords.

²²Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you;
he will never permit
the righteous to be moved.

²³But you, O God, will cast them down
into the pit of destruction;
men of blood and treachery
shall not live out half their days.

But I will trust in you.

HYMN

“Teach Us, Jesus, How to Serve”



1 Teach us, Je - sus, how to serve And to love with -
2 Scribes and Phar - i - sees, so vain, Would ex - alt them -
3 Scribes and Phar - i - sees don't care, Preach - ing bur - dens,
4 Teach us, Je - sus, how to live, Hum - bled by the



out re - serve, That we may with hum - ble hearts
selves for gain, Seek - ing glo - ry, rank, and fame,
hard to bear, Lift - ing not a fin - ger to
grace You give, For You bore our aw - ful load



Share the love that You im - part. For the great - est
Mak - ing for them - selves a name. Yet, the great - est
Keep the law they say to do. Still, the great - est
As You walked down Cal - v'ry's road. For the great - est



one shall be One, who in hu - mil - i - ty Takes a ser - vant's
one shall be One, who in hu - mil - i - ty Takes a ser - vant's
one shall be One, who in hu - mil - i - ty Takes a ser - vant's
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form and frame, Just as You, the Christ, our aim!
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Sit

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:1-3

¹Gather together, yes, gather,
O shameless nation,
²before the decree takes effect
—before the day passes away like chaff—
before there comes upon you
the burning anger of the LORD,

before there comes upon you
the day of the anger of the LORD.
³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the LORD.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1–11

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Matthew 23:1–12

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, ³so practice and observe whatever they tell you—but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move

them with their finger. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

SERMON

Significant Teaching

Stand

CANTICLE

“My Soul Rejoices”

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion
bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the
ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the
sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring
Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

KYRIE

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.**

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You warned us about the danger of hypocritical religious leaders and the necessity of humility. Help us to follow Your example of humble obedience that we may be servants for all our days, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Christ Be My Leader”

arr. L. Larson

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