

# Sunday, April 2, 2023, 9:30 am

## Lent 6 Palm Sunday

\*God's Greeting

\*Call to Worship: based on Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,  
who destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ,  
who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of His grace,  
and has made known to us the mystery of His will.

\*Songs: **"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"**

1 Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin  
How shall my tongue describe it? Where shall my praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,  
the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

Chorus

Wonderful, the matchless grace of Jesus,  
deeper than the mighty rolling sea,  
higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
all sufficient grace for me, for even me  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
greater far than all my sin and shame  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus  
Praise His name!

2 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost  
Chains have been torn asunder, setting my spirit free,  
for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

3 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
by its transforming power making Him God's dear child  
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity  
the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

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**"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"**

1 I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.

Chorus

But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able  
to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day."

2 I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,  
nor how believing in His Word wrought peace within my heart.

3 I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in Him.

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### **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

2 Was it for sins that I have done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

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Profession of Faith: Matthew Bakelaar

Time for Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Bible Reading: Matthew 26:14-35

Sermon: **“What a Wednesday!”**

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Savior, as we remember the final days of Your life on earth,  
We listen in and recognize ourselves in the people surrounding You that week.  
We mistook Your intent as You entered Jerusalem.  
Our eyes were clouded as You spoke about Your coming kingdom.  
We were the ones who betrayed You, beat You, mocked You,  
and crowed with satisfaction at eliminating the threat You posed to our comfortable religion.  
We recognize the wounds in Your hands, and in Your heart,  
as being of our own doing.  
So we come today to acknowledge our guilt and confess our sin together, and in the silence of our own hearts.

We remember those times we have been part of the crowd  
seeking our best interest over what is right and good. (silent confession)

We remember those times when we choose the path of safety  
over loyalty to Your way. (silent confession)

We remember the ways we have wandered away from Your presence,  
only to complain that we are abandoned. (silent confession)

Despite our constant betrayals, You willingly took on the agony of the cross for us.  
Jesus, we can only humbly thank You for what You have done.

### **“Ah, Holy Jesus”**

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
that mortal judgment has on You descended?  
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?

It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;  
I crucified You.

3 For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,  
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation;  
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

4 Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,  
I do adore You and will ever pray You,  
think on Your pity and Your love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

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Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Peter 2:24-25

One: Hear the good news:  
"He himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross,  
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;  
"by His wounds you have been healed."  
For "you were like sheep going astray,"  
but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.  
We have been justified through the blood of Jesus,  
and have been washed clean of all of our sin.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Song: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,  
and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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\*God's Blessing