

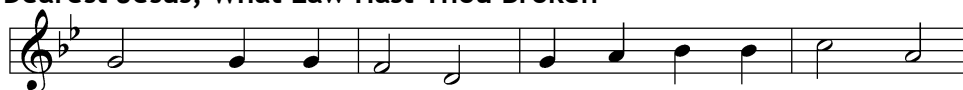
MARCH 29, 2023 - LENT 5 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "The Cross Of Jesus" tune *Vulpius*, setting by J. S. Bach.

Stand

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 1, 3, 5, 12



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
Man for - feit - ed his life, and is ac -
To do Thy will shall be my sole en -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
her - it, This I do mer - it.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.
deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Opening Versicles

- P** The Lord is gracious and merciful,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P** He will not always chide,
C nor will he keep his anger forever.
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- P** as far as the east is from the west,
C so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

- P** As a father shows compassion to his children,
C so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.
C Almighty God, even though Paul persecuted your church, still you called him to be a messenger for your kingdom and sent him into the world to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. As you have looked on us in grace and forgiven our sins, help us to live in repentant humility and ever seek your mercy. By the power of your Spirit, lead us to grow in faith and in the knowledge of your Word, so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1–6

- ¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Verse for Lent

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
 stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Mark 2:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O
 Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;
 A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I
 dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Anthem - The Bell Choir plays “*Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*” by Doane, setting by McChesney.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Almighty God, you showed grace to Paul, who called himself the foremost of sinners. You have shown grace to us, even though we are sinners undeserving of your love and forgiveness. During this Lenten season and always, lead us by your Spirit to true repentance. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior. He carried our sins in his own body to the cross and by his wounds we are healed. Lead us to forgive others as we have been forgiven, so that by the witness of our words and our lives, they too will come to believe in Jesus and receive your healing forgiveness. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, we pray for your servants who are in need of physical healing. Hold them in your loving care and shield them from doubt and fear. Comfort them through the promises of your holy Word and lead us to find ways to serve them in their time of need. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, you called Paul, who once persecuted your church, to be an ambassador for Christ the King. You have called us to reflect the light of our Lord in this dark world and to defend the hope that we have in him. By the power of your Spirit make us bold witnesses for Jesus so that others will believe in him as their Savior. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, in the life of your servant Paul and in our own lives, you have displayed your mercy and perfect patience. We rejoice in your love and grace as we seek to witness to our Lord with our words and actions until we live forever in your presence. Gracious Lord,
- C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

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