

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 - LENT 2 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Leave all to God's Direction" tune *Neumark*; setting by Saxton.

Stand

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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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 eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
C on those who hope in His steadfast love,
P that He may deliver their soul from death
C and keep them alive in famine.
P Our soul waits for the Lord;
C He is our help and our shield.
P For our heart is glad in Him,
C because we trust in His holy name.

P Let Your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord,

C even as we hope in You.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, in love You sent Your Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die on the cross for us. Through faith in Jesus, we now have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. As we follow our Lord through this season of Lent, help us to walk in love as He did and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Let the cross of our Lord always go before us to guide us in the way of love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7–9

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."

And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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

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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

John 19:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sermon

Anthem - “*My Song is Love Unknown*” by John Ireland; Bruce Emerick, soloist.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Heavenly Father, You loved the world in this way—You sent Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus was guided by the cross that was set before Him. During this season of Lent, lead us in true repentance. Father of our Lord,
- C** **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**
- P** Heavenly Father, in obedience to Your will and out of love for us, Jesus laid down His life for us. He bore our sins in His body on the tree of the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserve for our sins. Help us by Your Spirit to look to Jesus alone for salvation. Father of our Lord,
- C** **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**
- P** Heavenly Father, there are people among us who must bear the heavy cross of suffering, grief or pain. We pray that, according to Your will, You would bring them help and healing. Lead us to serve them in love, and bring to them the comfort and hope found in the promises of Your Word. Father of our Lord,
- C** **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**
- P** Heavenly Father, send Your Spirit to guide us and lead us to walk in love as Jesus walked. Help us to put the needs of others ahead of our own interests. Guide us in the study of Your holy Word so that we are prepared to defend the hope that we have in Jesus. Lead us to serve as His witnesses in the world so that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, others will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. Father of our Lord,
- C** **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**
- P** Lord God, you have told us to be ready Heavenly Father, Your unfailing steadfast love, Your covenant love, never fails. It is the love that sent Jesus to be our Savior, to suffer, die and rise for us. It is the love that guides us now through this earthly life until we live forever in Your presence. Lead us to reflect Your love in the world so that others will see our good works and glorify You. Father of our Lord,
- C** **Set Jesus' cross before us to guide us in the way of love.**

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.**

Stand

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Postlude - "Andante" from *Sonata in C Minor* by Rheinberger.

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