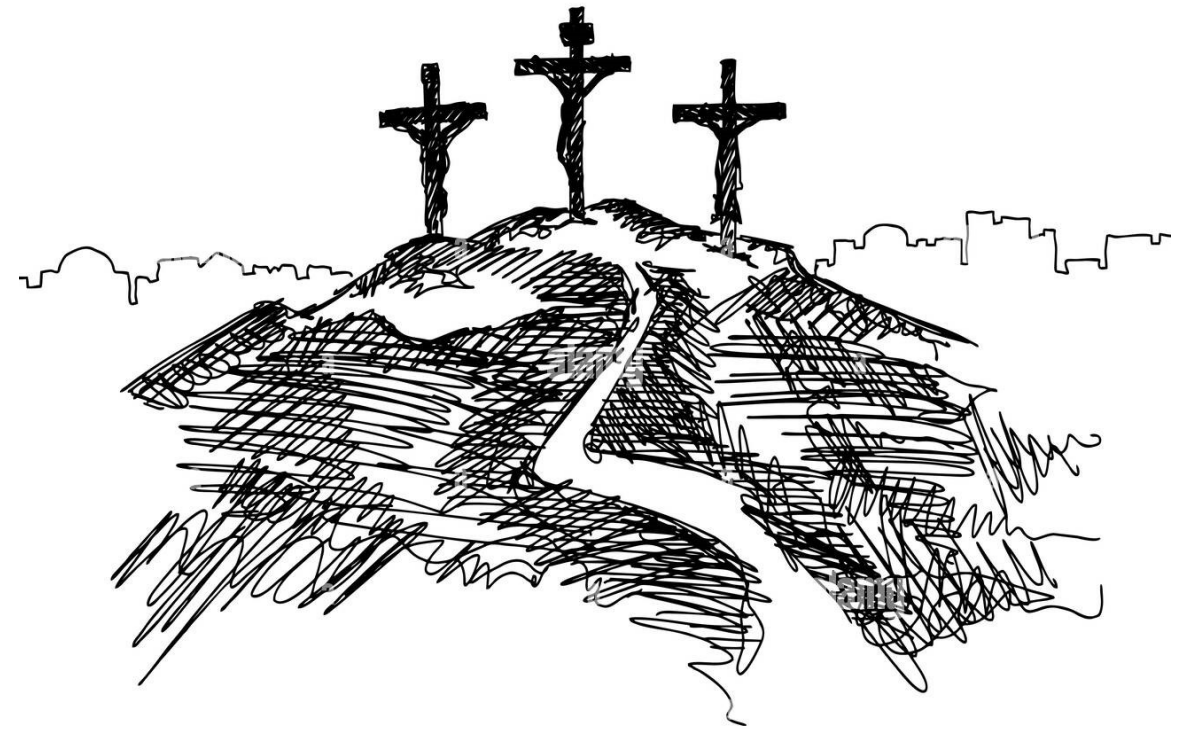


**POSTLUDE** - *“Your Peace for our World”* by G. Verdi; arr. by Hopkins.

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**THANK YOU** to our Soup servers this evening and to everyone who helped to set up and clean up from our Soup & Salad Supper. Join us every Wednesday evening at 6 PM from now through Palm Sunday for our Soup & Salad Supper. We will have Bible study after the supper and then Wednesday night service at 7:30 PM. Please remember to sign up for the suppers using the sheets on the hallway bulletin board.



## **GUIDED TO THE CROSS**

Week 4: Guided to Trust

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - “*Song of Devotion to the Savior*” by O. Gibbons; arr. by Powell.

**HYMN 555**, v 1, 6, 7, 10 - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION & VERSICLES**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In You our fathers trusted, O Lord; **they trusted, and You delivered them.**

To You they cried and were rescued; **in You they trusted and were not put to shame.**

O my God, in You I trust; **let me not be put to shame.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Commit your way to the LORD; **trust in Him, and He will act.**

**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.**

**GREETING, followed by PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we often place our trust human beings and earthly institutions, but we end up being disappointed because our trust is misplaced. Help us by your Spirit to trust you daily in all things and to turn to you with prayer and praise in all of the circumstances of our lives. We know you will never fail us and we trust in you for our eternal salvation through faith in our Savior Jesus. Set his cross always before us to guide us in trusting you. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** - Proverbs 3:5-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON** - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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page 157 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

**GOSPEL** - John 19:28-30

*Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

**HYMN 729** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** – “*The Lamb*” by Twila Paris; Bruce Emerick, soloist.

**PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER** - *all may kneel*

Lord God, in our world where it is hard to know in whom or in what we can trust, we place our trust in you. You always keep your promises. Down through the centuries, the prophets announced your promise to send your Anointed One, the Messiah. When the time was right, that promise was fulfilled in Jesus. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season, **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.**

Lord God, as Jesus drew near to the hour of his death, he trusted in you, his heavenly Father, to guide his steps to the cross as the Scripture had foretold. We place our trust in Jesus alone for our salvation. Bless and guide us as we take up our crosses and follow our Savior. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season, **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.**

Lord God, help those who are struggling with illness, pain or grief, those we name now in the silent of our hearts and those known only to you. Comfort them with the promises of your Word and lead us to opportunities to serve them in Jesus’ name. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season, **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.**

Lord God, help us by your Spirit to depend on you each day, in all of the circumstances of our lives. Teach us not to rely on our own understanding, but to trust you in all things. We know that you will guide us. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season, **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.**

Lord God, as we rely on you for help now in this earthly life, we know that we can trust in you for our eternal salvation through faith in Jesus. Our Lord has promised, “Surely I am coming soon”. We look forward to the fulfillment of that promise and to life in your presence forever. Our God and Savior, during this Lenten season, **Set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of trust.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 851** - *we sing, standing*