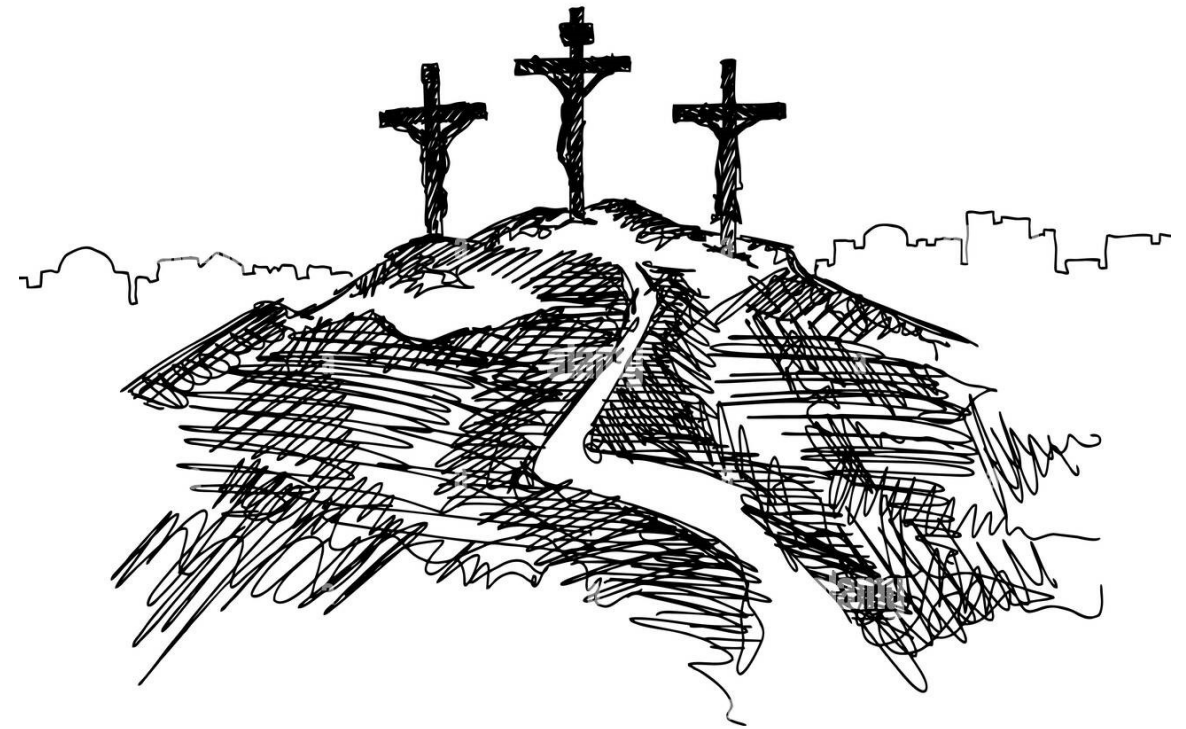


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THANK YOU to our Soup servers this evening and throughout the season of Lent. Thank you to everyone who brought dessert and to all who helped set up and clean up from our Soup & Salad Suppers.

JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

- March 24: Palm Sunday Service with Procession with Palms at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
- March 28: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 PM
- March 29: Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 PM
- March 31: Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion at 8 AM and 10:30 AM - EASTER BREAKFAST between the services



GUIDED TO THE CROSS

Week 5: Guided to Perseverance

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - *“Sing, My Tongue”* tune
Fortunatus New; setting by Johns.

HYMN 702 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

VERSICLES

Seek the LORD and his strength; **seek
his presence continually!**

I know that the LORD saves his anoint-
ed; **he will answer him from his holy
heaven with the saving might of his
right hand.**

Some trust in chariots and some in hors-
es, **but we trust in the name of the
LORD our God.**

They collapse and fall, **but we rise and
stand upright.**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast
under trial, **for when he has stood the
test he will receive the crown of life.**

**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. **Lord Jesus, You set Your
face toward Jerusalem as the time of
Your death drew near. You did not
turn away from what lay ahead. In
Gethsemane, You prayed that Your
Father’s will would be done, not Your
own. You were faithful to Your pur-
pose and obedient to Your heavenly
Father, even to the point of death on a
cross. Lead us by Your Spirit to be
faithful to You in our thoughts, words
and actions, so that our lives bear wit-
ness to Your steadfast love . In Your
name we pray. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Micah 6:6-8

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

SECOND LESSON - Ephesians 6:10-20

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

page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all
standing*

GOSPEL - John 19:16-22

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

HYMN 848 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY – *The Bell Choir plays*

“What Wondrous Love Is This” setting
by Lloyd Larson.

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

Lord Jesus, you set your face toward
Jerusalem, where you would take up
your cross for the sake of our salvation.
In faithful obedience to your heavenly
Father, you suffered and died to save us.
Faithful Lord, as we follow you, **Set
your cross before us to guide us in
faithfulness.**

Lord Jesus, when we face difficult days
in life, when we are filled with doubt or
fear, strengthen us to persevere in faith
and to hold fast to the hope and peace
that you have brought us. Faithful Lord,
as we follow you, **Set your cross before
us to guide us in faithfulness.**

Lord Jesus, be present with those who
face illness, pain and grief, especially
those for whom our prayers have been
requested and those we name silently in
our hearts now. Comfort them through
the promises of your Word, and keep
them strong in faith. Guide us as we
serve them in love. Faithful Lord, as we
follow you, **Set your cross before us to
guide us in faithfulness.**

Lord Jesus, keep us steadfast in the
study of your Word so that we will grow
in faith, ready to defend the hope that is
ours and to be your witnesses each day.
Give us opportunities to speak to others
about your redeeming death and trium-
phant resurrection, so that in the power
of the Spirit, they, too, may come to fol-
low you in faith. Faithful Lord, as we
follow you, **Set your cross before us to
guide us in faithfulness.**

Lord Jesus, faithful to your purpose and
to your Father’s will, you suffered and
died to save us. Keep us steadfast in
faith, walking in your footsteps, until we
live in your presence forever. Faithful
Lord, as we follow you, **Set your cross
before us to guide us in faithfulness.**

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

BENEDICTION

HYMN 685 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Voluntary”* by William
Boyce.