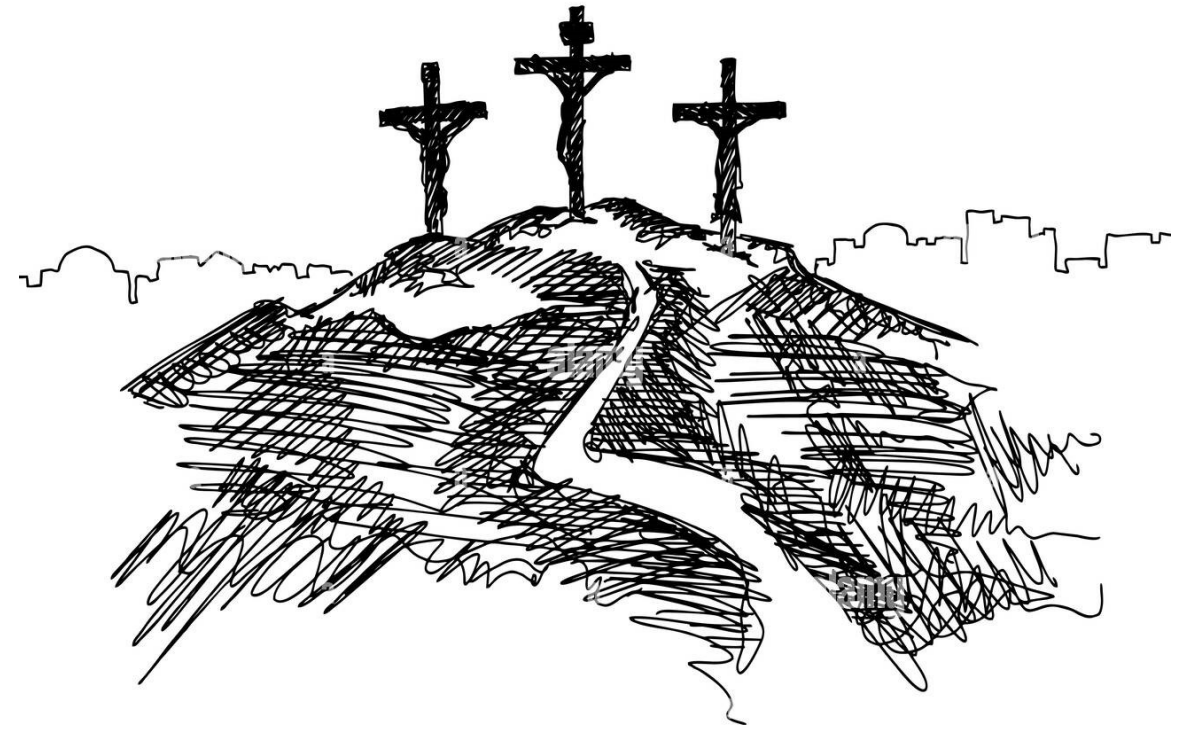


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**THANK YOU** to our Soup servers this evening and to everyone who helped to set up and clean up from our Soup & Salad Supper. Join us every Wednesday evening at 6 PM from now through Palm Sunday for our Soup & Salad Supper. We will have Bible study 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 3: Guided to Peace

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024  
7:30 P.M.

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**PRELUDE** - *“In the Hour of Trial”* tune  
Penitence; *setting by Denton.*

**HYMN 420**, v 1, 2, 3, 7 - *we sing, standing*

#### **INVOCATION & VERSICLES**

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

Let me hear what God the LORD will  
speak, **for he will speak peace to his  
people, to his saints.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who  
fear him, **that glory may dwell in our  
land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**and righteousness looks down from  
the sky.**

May the LORD give strength to his people!  
**May the LORD bless his people  
with peace!**

**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, through the  
blood of Your cross, You have brought  
us forgiveness for our sins and peace  
with God. When the cares and con-  
cerns of this world threaten the peace  
that we have, help us to remember  
Your promise, that You are always  
with us. Make us bold witnesses for  
You so that others will come to know  
the peace that You alone bring. Guide  
us in the way of Your peace. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

#### **FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 53:1-5

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

#### **SECOND LESSON** - Colossians 1:15-20

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

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

#### **GOSPEL** - Luke 23:44-49

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

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

**HYMN 440**, v 1, 2, 5, 6- *we sing, seated*

#### **SERMON**

**OFFERTORY**– *“Were You There/Balm  
in Gilead”* arranged by Brent Adams;  
*Phil Giampietro, Euphonium soloist.*

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

Lord Jesus, you suffered and died for  
our sins, and by your wounds, we have  
received healing from our sins and we  
have peace with God. During this Len-  
ten season, as we follow your path to the  
cross, set your cross always before us to  
guide us in the way of peace. Jesus,  
Prince of Peace, **Hear our prayer, and  
grant us peace.**

Lord Jesus, the cross that you carried to  
Golgotha was not known as an instru-  
ment of peace, but as a terrible instru-  
ment of death. Yet through your sacri-  
fice, the cross has become for us a sign  
of love and peace. Through the blood  
you shed on the cross, God has recon-  
ciled all things to himself, making peace  
through the blood of your cross. Jesus,  
Prince of Peace, **Hear our prayer, and  
grant us peace.**

Lord Jesus, the world around us is rarely  
at peace, and when it is, that worldly  
peace can be a fragile thing. We must  
deal with conflicts and quarrels, trou-  
bled times among our own friends and  
family members and the threat and reali-  
ty of war among nations. Yet you have  
promised that when we bring our fears  
and worries to you in prayer, you will  
guard our hearts and minds with your  
peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace, **Hear our  
prayer, and grant us peace.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for people who are  
suffering through illness, grief and other  
difficult circumstances. Grant to them  
the peace that you alone can give. Com-  
fort them through the promises of your  
Word, and give us opportunities to serve  
them and to share your love with them.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, **Hear our pray-  
er, and grant us peace.**

Lord Jesus, right now each day, we have  
forgiveness and peace through faith in  
your name. We look forward to the day  
when we will live in your presence,  
where we will enjoy peace forever. Lord  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, **Hear our pray-  
er, and grant us peace.**

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

#### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 427** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“I will Lift up Mine Eyes”*  
*by A. Schreiner.*