REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

Zion Lutheran Church Online Worship Service March 7, 2021

WELCOME

INTROIT: Psalm 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 69

PASTOR: For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

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

PASTOR: For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess "You are God."
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess "You are God."
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives Willingly our knees will bow With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength We gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come, come, come.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us.

ALL: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive

our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,

in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

KYRIE (spoken)

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL: Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PASTOR: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who

have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

ALL: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the

Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

PASTOR: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (spoken in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; at Thy feet I bow, For Thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood; Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead, Ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need.

SERMON

I Need You More

I need You more, more than yesterday; I need You more, more than words can say; I need You more than ever before, I need You, Lord, I need You, Lord.

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son!

I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

I Need You More

I need You more, more than yesterday; I need You more, more than words can say; I need You more than ever before, I need You, Lord, I need You, Lord.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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

PASTOR: 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.

All: Amen.

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside Where justice and mercy embrace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, And our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
For we carry His life in our veins.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the heavens; Our King will return for His own. Ev'ry knee will bow, ev'ry tongue will shout, "All glory to Jesus alone!"

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.
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