

Order of Worship for 3-3-21 Lent

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Opening Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” - Hymn #437

Opening sentences (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

P: God says, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

C: Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.

P: You will seek Me and find Me,

C: when you seek Me with all your heart.

Psalm 8

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

P: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of Your foes,

C: to still the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

P: what is man that You are mindful of him,

C: and the son of man that You care for him?

P: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: and crowned him with glory and honor.

P: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

C: You have put all things under his feet,

P: all sheep and oxen,

C: and also the beasts of the field,

P: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

P: O LORD, our Lord,

C: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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.

Hymn: “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” – Hymn #765

Jeremiah 15:15-21 The Deceptive Brook

P: O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of

my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Jeremiah 18:1-6 The Potter's House

P: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear My words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?" declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The New Covenant

P: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Message: *"A Request Refused?"*

Hymn: *"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"* - **Hymn #937**

P: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

C: Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your name's sake.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion Reading: Mark 14:32-65

P: And Jesus and the disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began

to be greatly distressed and troubled. And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard." And when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left Him and fled.

And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" But Jesus remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received Him with blows.

P: Thanks be to God.

Prayer based on Jeremiah 31

P: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.”

C: Lord God, we thank You for making a people, the descendants of Abraham, to bring Your love to all the world. Though they failed as we all fail in our sins, You did not give up on them or us. You sent Your Son Jesus to do what we fail to do.

P: “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

C: Help us to see that our relationship with You is not based on how good we are or what we do, but in what You have done for us in Jesus who now dwells in our hearts through Baptism.

P: “And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.”

C: Thank You for the living relationship we have with You because of Jesus and bless us so that through us others may know of You.

P: “For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

C: Forgive us from all our sins and send Your Holy Spirit so that we live each day in that forgiveness.

Prayers:

The Lord’s Prayer:

Blessing: (Pastor)

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow” – Hymn #880