



Wednesday Lenten Service

March 3, 2021

6:30 p.m.

The Last Seven Words Of Jesus On His Way To The Cross

Our Approach to God

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 22

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; God's face is not hidden from us when we cry to God. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.

The Hymn of Praise

Jesu, Remember Me

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The Call to Confession

1 John 1:9

If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused. Trusting in God's grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Prayer of Confession

Joshua 5:5-7

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. We have seized our independence, forgetting your provision. You gave us the earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. **Now we enter into a time of silence with our individual intentions (Silence).** Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Joshua 5:9

Sister and brothers, your disgrace has been rolled away, like the stone from Christ's tomb. God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life. Amen!

The Word of God

The Gospel Reading

Luke 23:32, 39-43

The Reflection

"Today, You Will Be With Me In Paradise"

Pastor Philomena

The Closing Prayer:

Almighty and gracious Lord, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life, and ministry has guided us through this Lenten season and guides us in every season of life. Lord forgive us when we are quick to demand, slow to understand, and even slower to live in such a way as to proclaim: *thy kingdom come*. Like the criminals nailed to the cross beside Jesus, we can let our fear, our doubts and our need for control take over, and in doing so, we can lose sight of what is most important in our lives. Give us strength to embrace your love as we recognize our wrong doings in life so that we might indeed live in such a way that paradise might arrive, and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Pour out your healing on the earth through your Son, Jesus Christ, who leads us back to you in Paradise by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Father in heaven... Amen.

The Hymn

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Benediction

The Postlude

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