

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Fifth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

## PRELUDE

“Remember me...”

- Disney’s *Coco*

“In one of his last acts before death, Jesus forgave a thief dangling on a cross, knowing full well the thief had converted out of plain fear. That thief would never study the Bible, never attend synagogue or church, and never make amends to all those he had wronged. He simply said ‘Jesus, remember me,’ and Jesus promised, ‘Today you will be with me in paradise.’ It was another shocking reminder that grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us.”

- Philip Yancey, *What’s So Amazing About Grace?*

“What is promised to the robber does not alleviate his present sufferings, nor make any abatement of his bodily punishment... but... all our afflictions ought to be mitigated and soothed by this single consolation, that as soon as God has received us into his favor, all the afflictions which we endure are aids to our salvation. This will cause our faith not only to rise victorious over all our distresses, but to enjoy calm repose amidst the endurance of sufferings.”

- John Calvin, *Commentary on Luke*



## OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God,**  
**Who gathers his pilgrims for a Lenten feast day:**  
**an oasis in the wilderness of discipline**  
**Refresh us with your Spirit;**  
**Give us bread for the journey**  
**in Word, sacrament, and prayer**  
**Prepare our hearts to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection**  
**with gladness and gratitude at Your perfect provision for us.**  
**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**  
**Amen.**

## † HYMN OF WORSHIP | “God Be Merciful to Me”

**God, be merciful to me; On thy grace I rest my plea.**  
**Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;**  
**Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.**  
**I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face;**  
**I confess thy judgement just; speechless, I, thy mercy trust.**

**I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.**  
**Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;**  
**Make me pure, thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.**

**Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,**  
**Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice;**  
**From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

**Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.**  
**Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;**  
**Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.**

## † CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 2:4-11

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others.  
Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**Who, though he was in the form of God,**  
**did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**  
**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,**  
**being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient  
to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**So that at the name of Jesus**  
**every knee should bow,**  
**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**  
**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

## † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “His Mercy Is More”

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done**  
**Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum**  
**Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore**  
**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam**  
**What father, so tender, is calling us home**  
**He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor**  
**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

*Refrain:*

**Praise the Lord**  
**His mercy is more**  
**Stronger than darkness, new every morn**  
**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

**What riches of kindness he lavished on us**  
**His blood was the payment, his life was the cost**  
**We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford**  
**Our sins they are many, his mercy is more** (*refrain*)

**What glory of presence, the Lamb on the throne,**  
**Now tending a garden of our future home:**  
**A city of nations where tears are no more,**  
**The table is ready, his mercy outpoured.** (*refrain*)

“There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;**  
**And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**  
**Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;**  
**And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;**  
**And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**  
**Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;**  
**And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power**  
**Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**  
**Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;**  
**Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

## INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be 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 debts**  
**as we forgive our debtors,**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## † CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

**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 Ghost,**  
**born of the virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried.**  
**He descended into Hell.**  
**The third day He rose again from the dead**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**  
**From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**  
**the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

## † DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## † GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms. Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families before communion.*

## READING OF GOD’S WORD | Luke 23: 39-43

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

## SERMON | Series: Famous Last Words

Sermon: “With Me in Paradise”  
- Rev. Joshua Smith

