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# Father, Forgive Them

# Second Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Welcome

Prelude When Thou Art Near J. S. Bach

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at

11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come

whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come, ready to receive and spread God's merciful

forgiveness.

Leader: On the cross, Jesus chose the very small amount of time he had

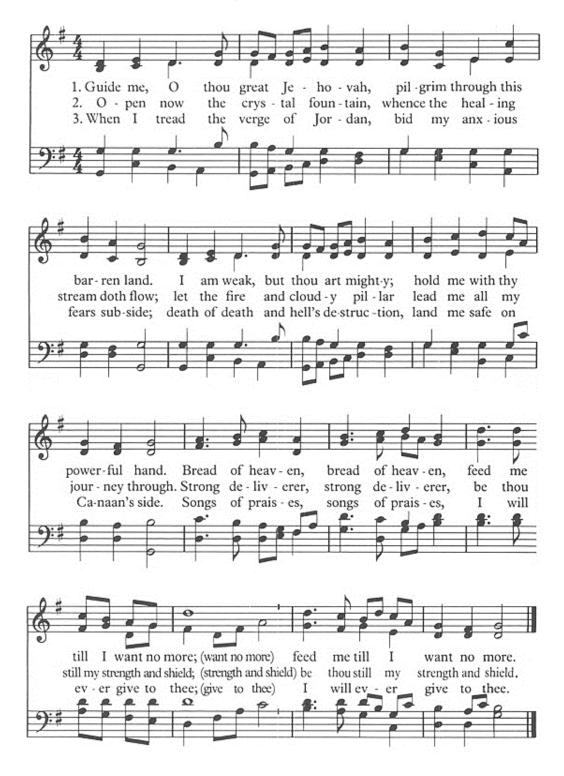
left to keep teaching us about God's love and grace.

People: As we begin Lent, Jesus begins this season, and his time

on the cross, with a prayer of forgiveness.

## Hymn

#### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



#### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you for the forgiveness that you offer to us every day. You know we are human. You know we make mistakes. You know we have temptations. You knew that long before we were born. And long before we were born, you created the way to our own forgiveness. Now, we have to accept it. Thank you for Jesus, thank you for love, thank you for grace! Amen.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Chorus

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus, Name Above All Names

(sing twice)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Senior Choir Abide With Me Gilbert M. Martin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Father, Forgive Them

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Through It All Andraé Crouch

# Lift High the Cross

(verse 1)



# Hymn

#### Near to the Heart of God



#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** 

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. John Hughes