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Father, Forgive Them

Second Sunday in Lent

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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

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

Offertory Hymn

Lift High the Cross

(verse 1)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Fine

Harmony

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri-um-phant sign. The
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree, as
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

hosts of God in u - ni - ty com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D.C.

Hymn

Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui-et rest, near to the heart of God;
2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
3. There is a place of full re-lease, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav-ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je-sus, blest Re-deem-er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.

Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. John Hughes