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Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise

Second Sunday in Lent

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

Welcome

Prelude

Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am 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 experience the strength and glory of God!**

Leader: We come to learn how to love all people, just how Jesus loved all people.

People: **We pray that the world will learn about your love through us!**

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we have come together today in search of knowledge about you and your son Jesus. Clear from our thoughts all distractions, and allow us to focus on you and your Word. Help us to become better at relating to all people whom you put along our paths. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Senior Choir When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding[a] him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Today You Will be With Me in Paradise*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Nun Bitten Wir Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Only Trust Him

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Come, ev - ery soul by sin op - pressed, there's
 2. For Je - sus shed his pre - cious blood rich
 3. Yes, Je - sus is the truth, the way that
 4. Come then and join this ho - ly band, and

mer - cy with the Lord; and he will sure - ly
 bless - ings to be - stow; plunge now in - to the
 leads you in - to rest; be - lieve in him with -
 on to glo - ry go, to dwell in that ce -

give you rest, by trust - ing in his Word.
 crim - son flood that wash - es bright as snow.
 out de - lay, and you are ful - ly blest.
 les - tial land where joys im - mor - tal flow.

Refrain

On - ly trust him, on - ly trust him, on - ly trust him now.

He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

Benediction

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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