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Behold Your Son, Behold Your Mother

Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024

Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

Welcome

Prelude

Legende

Alexandre Guilmant

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 take care of our brothers and sisters in Christ!**

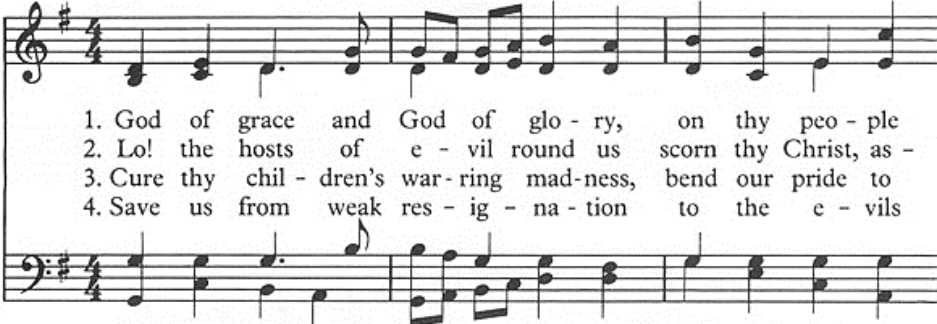
Leader: Lord, we thank you for Mary who accepted a very difficult call from you. She carried, birthed and raised your Son, our Savior, Jesus. She supported him every second of his life.

People: **Lord, we thank you for John, the disciple you loved the most. He followed you all the way to the cross. Help us to care for each other the way John and Mary cared for each other.**

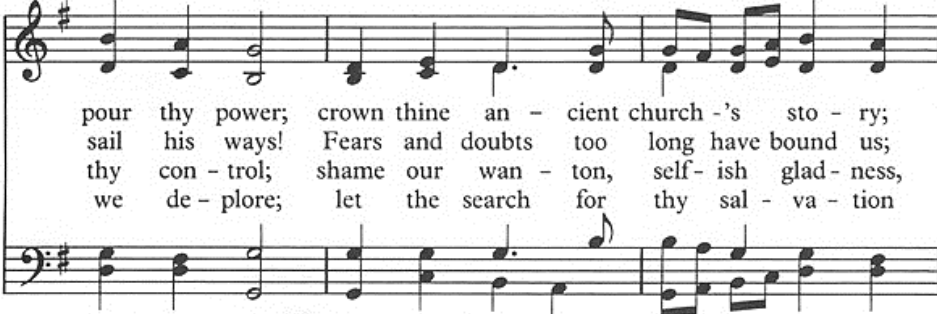
Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

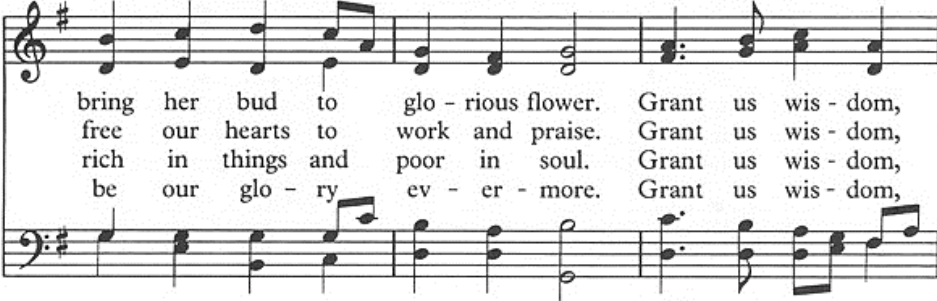
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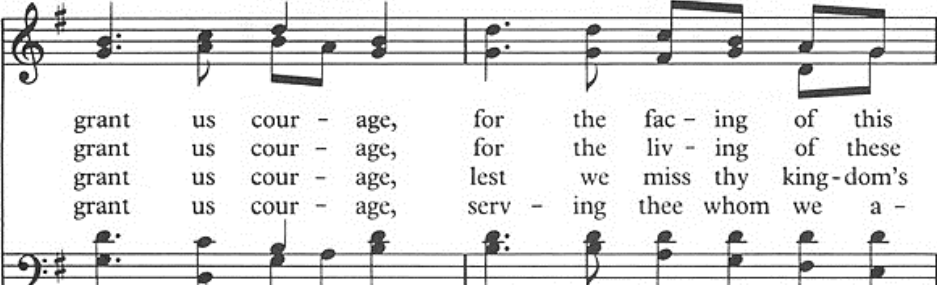
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



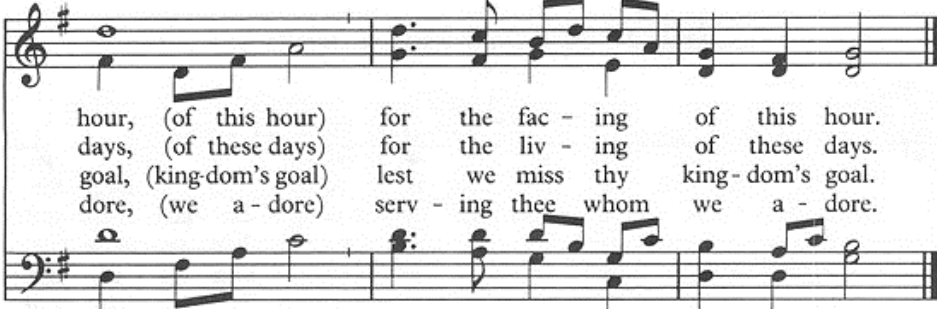
pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, our spirit rejoices in you. You have done great things for us. Holy is your name. Lift us up and fill us with good things. Prepare our hearts and minds as we study about Jesus and his last words to Mary and to John. Guide us in the ways we are to apply his words. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Hallelujah, My Father

Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us your Son;
Sending Him into the world to be given up for us,
Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

Senior Choir

Just One Touch

Carolyn Hamlin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

John 19:23-27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message Behold Your Son, Behold Your Mother

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Steal Away arr. Gilbert Martin

Offertory Hymn Lift High the Cross (verse 1)

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. The system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine" above the staff.

Musical notation for the "Harmony" section of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 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

D.C.

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!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 7](#) of this document.

Communion Anthem

Go In Love

Don Besig


Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
 2. Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3. Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4. Thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
 peace to thy church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;



guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



that in this house have called up - on thy name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
peace in each heart, thy Spir - it from a - bove;
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Benediction

Postlude

Solid Rock

William Bradbury

Violin: Susan Elsayed

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A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

WORDS: From *The United Methodist Hymnal* (Isa. 6:3; Matt. 21:9)

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup