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March 14, 2021
4th Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus, Divine Son of Man: Man of Sorrows

A Man of Sorrows, familiar with suffering,
my Lord Jesus Christ:

Today I bring my sadness, the aching of my heart;
I lay them on you, my Savior,
since before I was born you knew me,
and carried every one of my sorrows
to the cross with you.

There, in your pain,
You took from my grief the power it has to ruin me.

O fill my fragile soul with confidence, even joy,
as I worship you,
and glimpse again by faith the Coming Day,
when sorrow and sighing will flee away,
because gladness and joy will have overtaken us forever.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn Man of Sorrows! What a Name

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Call to Worship from Lamentations I and Psalm 30

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
which was brought upon me,
which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit;
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.
They heard my groaning,
yet there is no one to comfort me.
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Invocation

Praise Hymn Psalm 45

God is our refuge, our strength, and our shield
An ever-present help
We will not fear, though the earth gives way
And the mountains crash into the sea

Chorus

There is a river whose streams will make glad
The city of our Most High King
God is within her; she will not fail
He helps her at break of the day

Nations in uproar; men's kingdoms, they fall
He speaks and the earth melts away
The worst we imagine, the strongest of storms
Our Fortress, He will still remain

Chorus

Come let us see what the Lord has done
The ruin He brings to the earth
He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth
He shatters the bow and the spear

Ending

There is a river whose streams will make glad
The city of our Most High King
God is within her; she will not fail
Listen and hear the Lord say
Be still and know that I am God

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53

Confession of Sin

Confession Hymn God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51) versus 1-3

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.

Individual Confession

Absolution Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Thanksgiving Hymn God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51) versus 4-6

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.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

New Testament Lesson John 16:17-22

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Trinity Song

Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One
Come with Your peace with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Sermon Text Philippians 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Grow in Love | Joe Fisher

Response Hymn A Debt of Love we Owe

A debt of love we owe, nothing but this
Aid us Lord to care for those You gave
By this sacrifice, to neighbor far and wide
The law of love is found and fulfilled in Christ

Chorus

Strong or weak or bold or mild,
Live and die as unto Christ
Every knee shall bow to the One who forgives,
Every tongue confess the Lord who lives

The night hour is far gone, day is at hand
Let us cast the darkness from this land
Leave no open door to the flesh or its desires
But put on Jesus Christ, the shield of light

Chorus

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Prayers of the People

Collection text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism (1647)

Q. 47. How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

A. Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fullness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to join us to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. During this time of social distancing we offer for our pastor to come and bless your partaking of elements you provide to preserve the corporate-presence of Christ pictured in the supper as best we can. If you've been part of our streaming service please text Curran (203-812-9928) to set up a time he can meet you (from a distance) to celebrate communion.

Lord Remember Me

26 *E* *mf* *A* *ma* *j* *7*

Lord, re - mem - ber - me when you - come

E *A* *ma* *j* *7*

in - to - your king - dom.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord Remember Me'. It consists of two staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The fifth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The sixth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The seventh staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The eighth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G1, a quarter note F1, and a quarter note E1. The ninth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D1, a quarter note C1, and a quarter note B0. The tenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, and a quarter note F0. The eleventh staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, and a quarter note C0. The twelfth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, and a quarter note G0. The thirteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F0, a quarter note E0, and a quarter note D0. The fourteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, and a quarter note A0. The fifteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G0, a quarter note F0, and a quarter note E0. The sixteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B0. The seventeenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, and a quarter note F0. The eighteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, and a quarter note C0. The nineteenth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, and a quarter note G0. The twentieth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F0, a quarter note E0, and a quarter note D0. The twenty-first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, and a quarter note A0. The twenty-second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G0, a quarter note F0, and a quarter note E0. The twenty-third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B0. 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The seventy-second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B0. The seventy-third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, and a quarter note F0. The seventy-fourth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, and a quarter note C0. The seventy-fifth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, and a quarter note G0. The seventy-sixth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F0, a quarter note E0, and a quarter note D0. The seventy-seventh staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, and a quarter note A0. The seventy-eighth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G0, a quarter note F0, and a quarter note E0. The seventy-ninth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B0. The eightieth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, and a quarter note F0. The eighty-first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, and a quarter note C0. The eighty-second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, and a quarter note G0. The eighty-third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F0, a quarter note E0, and a quarter note D0. The eighty-fourth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, and a quarter note A0. The eighty-fifth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G0, a quarter note F0, and a quarter note E0. The eighty-sixth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B0. 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Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

Coronation Hymn

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

The first system of musical notation is in G major, 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef staff contains the bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, C/G, G, G/D, D7, G, G, D.

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, D7, Em, G7, C, G, D, G, C, G, G/D, D7, G.

Benediction

from Micah 5:4-5

Christ shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. May you dwell secure, for Christ is great to the ends of the earth. And may He be your peace.

REFLECTION

He Carried our Grievs

All the sadness in the world sometimes comes close to putting us under. Whether it's world headlines, or local disasters or just the painful detail from our own personal situations, it often feels like it's too much to take. Sadness is everywhere.

But as Christians we can find our load lightened, and even laugh, because we know that Christ cut the soul out of our sadness when he died. He carried our sorrows, as Isaiah put it in chapter 53; he carried them to the cross. He bore our griefs to the place of Death, that there they might die.

Yet who of us, even if we are resting in the finished work of Christ, does not still know deep sadness? Even in the best of times there can be an abiding sorrow underlining our fragile lives, one that a few thrown-around Bible verses will not chase away.

All our sadness and sorrows and griefs were gathered up into that one Greatest Grief when Jesus cried out in his anguish, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" our destruction as the guilty ones under the righteous wrath of God in the cruel murder of Jesus, the pure and perfect man. And the Father's handing over of his Son to an awful murder was nothing less than the destruction of all we are as sinners under the righteous wrath of God, we who as rebels against our Creator have brought so much grief upon the world. But having gone under with Christ in his death, by faith, we emerge with him on the other side, the side of his resurrection—which is life and pure goodness forever, and therefore laughter.

– Ron Lutjens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – Meets tonight, March 14, 4-5:30pm. We will meet in several smaller groups to protect each other. Please RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org and we'll let the sorting hat script assign us between houses to enjoy (socially distanced) time together. Details of who meets where will be worked out following worship.

Women's Bible Study – Every-other-Tues. 7:30-9 pm, in person and on zoom (resumes March 30). Please RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org. [Link](#) to the study guide (\$2.50). [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 828 6871 9345 Passcode: 246223

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm. In the midst of pandemic, political chaos and social distancing we need each other, and we need God. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy, pray for each other, and have some “digital fellowship.” [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297

Helping Without Hurting – Every-other-Thursday, (resumes March 25), 8-9 pm We'll look at how the nature and character of God shapes the mercy ministry of His Church using the book *When Helping Hurts*. [Zoom link](#) (same as prayer meeting) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297

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