



Holy Saturday

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Saturday, April 11, 2020
12:00 p.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

PREDLUDE

At the Cross

Tune: *Hudson*, Ralph E. Hudson
Arr. Jeff Bennett

Bailey Myers, *piano*

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 167

There is a Green Hill Far Away

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (181-1895), alt.
Music: *Horsley*, William Horsley (1774-1858)

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,

1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 14:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job said, "A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,
comes up like a flower and withers,
flees like a shadow and does not last.
Do you fix your eyes on such a one?
Do you bring me into judgment with you?
Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
No one can.
Since their days are determined,
and the number of their months is known to you,
and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,
look away from them, and desist,
that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

"For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.
Though its root grows old in the earth,
and its stump dies in the ground,
yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.
But mortals die, and are laid low;
humans expire, and where are they?
As waters fail from a lake,
and a river wastes away and dries up,
so mortals lie down and do not rise again;
until the heavens are no more, they will not awake
or be roused out of their sleep.
Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!
If mortals die, will they live again?
All the days of my service I would wait
until my release should come."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-4, 15-16

To be read in unison.

**1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.**

- 2 **Incline your ear to me; ***
 make haste to deliver me.
- 3 **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,**
 for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
 for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, ***
 for you are my tower of strength.
- 15 **My times are in your hand; ***
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, ***
 and in your loving-kindness save me.”

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:1-8

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*instrumental*)

Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now

Music: Kedron, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

THE GOSPEL

John 19:38-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, *Rector*

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

On the Willows

Godspell, Stephen Schwartz

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein and Catherine Cox, *vocals*

Bailey Myers, *piano*

ANTHEM (*said*)

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

The People stand or kneel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. AMEN.**

The Officiant concludes

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

Recessional Hymn
LEVAS 189

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)
Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,

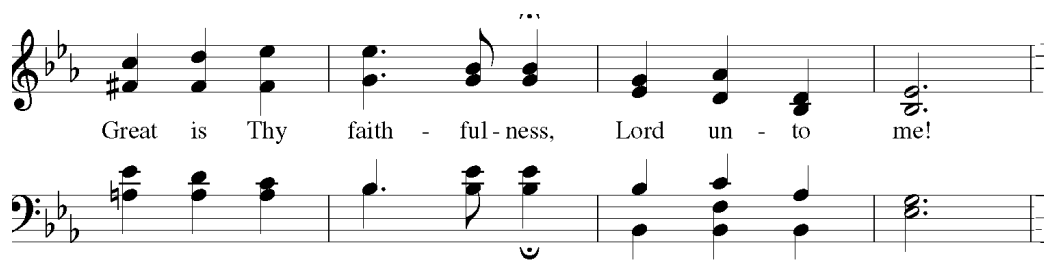
1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal staves. The score consists of 12 systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: 1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, 1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; 1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not, 1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Postlude:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Bailey Myers, *piano*

William M. Runyan, arr. Chris Rice

✝ Ministers for Worship

The Reverend Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Officiant & Preacher

The Reverend Terri M. Murphy,
Deacon

Bailey Myers, *Director of Music Ministries*

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