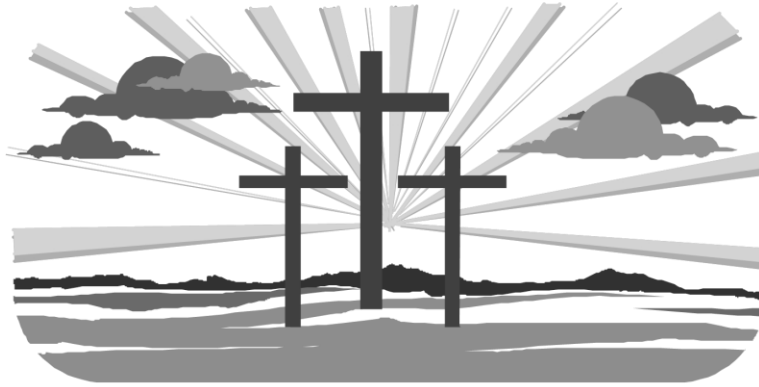


LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
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It's a Precarious Life

Guiding Thoughts

How do we show faith in Jesus in the midst of difficult days? Are there events in your past that especially help you to see God's care for you? How does this change our times of trouble and days of mourning?

WELCOME

HYMN 887 -"Now the Light Has Gone Away"

Psalm 8:1-9

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
SET THIS GLORY OF YOURS ABOVE THE HEAVENS.

*From the lips of little children and nursing babies
you have established strength because of your foes,*
TO PUT A STOP TO THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER.

Whenever I look up at your heavens, the works of your fingers,
THE MOON AND THE STARS, WHICH YOU HAVE SET IN PLACE—

what is man that you remember him,
THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU PAY ATTENTION TO HIM!

*Nevertheless, you make him suffer need,
apart from God for a while,*
BUT YOU CROWN HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.

*You make him the ruler over the works of your hands.
You put everything under his feet:*
ALL FLOCKS AND CATTLE, AND EVEN THE WILD ANIMALS,

*the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea,
which pass through the currents of the seas.*
O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW
AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain
the Lord of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.

⁷ On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸ He has swallowed up death forever!
The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the Lord has spoken.

⁹ On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the Lord!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

Epistle: Romans 4:17b-25

In the presence of God, Abraham believed him who makes the dead alive and calls non-existing things so that they exist. ¹⁸ Hoping beyond what he could expect, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, just as he was told: “This is how many your descendants will be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith, even though he considered his own body as good as dead (because he was about one hundred years old), and even though he considered Sarah’s womb to be dead. ²⁰ He did not waver in unbelief with respect to God’s promise, but he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God ²¹ and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

²³ Now the statement “it was credited to him” was not written for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us to whom it would be credited, namely, to us who believe in the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. ²⁵ He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him and pleaded with him, ⁶ “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. But only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I am also a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled. He said to those who were following him, "Amen I tell you: I have not found such great faith in anyone in Israel. ¹¹ I tell you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the children of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Jesus said to the centurion, "Go. Let it be done for you as you have believed." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Red Book #38 -"O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

Missionary Spotlight
SERMON

HYMN 439 -"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"
(verses 1-5)

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*The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and
The Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **-#427**

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