

March 7th, 2021 Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

<u>Invocation</u>

<u>Hymn #610</u> "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Vs. 1,2,5

GTG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have commanded us to no other gods before you. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children.

Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

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Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<u>Special Music</u> Andy Glynn

2nd Scripture Reading John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon Rev. Brant Piper

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The Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" #442 GTG vs 1 & 4

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The good news is that our Lord comes to where we are to serve us with divinity.

As you share in this meal, continue to meditate upon how, in thanksgiving for all he has done for us, you might serve Our Lord with your life's labor.

Commune now with the Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation.

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Offering

<u>Minute for Mission</u> One Great Hour of Sharing

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Hymn #213 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" Verses 1,2,4 GTG

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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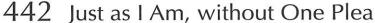
This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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FORGIVENESS





When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

TEXT: Charlotte Elliott, 1834, alt.; Spanish trans. Tomás M. Westrup, alt; Korean trans. anon. MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; harm. The Hymnbook, 1955 Korean Trans. © The Hymnal Society of Korea Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

TEXT: John Bowring, 1825 MUSIC: Ithamar Conkey, 1849 RATHBUN 8.7.8.7