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Keep
your
eyes on *Jesus*



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #276

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

The Invocation

P We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

C **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Tonight, we may rest now in His peace and rise again in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

Responsory

Scripture selections based on our Lenten Series

P By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. *(Ps. 65:5)*

C **We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.** *(Heb. 6:19)*

P And the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil.” *(Lv. 16:2)*

C **We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh.** *(Heb. 10:19-22)*

P The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. *(Ex. 15:2)*

C **And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.** *(Heb. 5:9)*

P And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. *(Gen. 2:2)*

C **For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.** *(Heb. 4:9)*

P The whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, to the ash heap, and shall burn it up on a fire of wood.

C **So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood.** *(Lev. 4:12; Heb. 13:12)*

P On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

C **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. To Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.** *(Ex. 19:16; Heb. 12:22)*

Response: WS #724

"Jesus, Remember Me"

C *♫ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)*

✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

Hymn: TLH #390 *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest"*

Hebrews 4:1-3, 8-13

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰

for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

✠ **He is Our Rest** ✠

Sermon Hymn: *Below*

"My Song is Love Unknown"

1. My song is love un -
 2. He came from His blest
 3. Here might I stay and
 known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love
 throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow; But
 sing, No story so di - vi - ne! Nev -
 to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like
 be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
 My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 I all my days Could gla - dly spend.

✠ **The Lord's Prayer & The Benediction** ✠

Closing Hymn: **TLH #145**

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"