

The very fact that a holy, eternal,
all-knowing, all-powerful,
merciful, fair, and just God loves
you and me is nothing short of
ASTONISHING.

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Welcome

Lay Leader: Nancy Carol Willis

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude...



How could something as brutal as a cross on which people were hung until they died become a symbol for the Christian faith which is based on love? There is no doubt that the cross and Christ's death on it are the core of the faith. Have you ever wondered why Christ had to die for us? Wouldn't it have been possible for us to be saved without him having to die? Perhaps, in God's wisdom, God knew that we might become proud or boastful, confident in our own ability to live apart from God, if it was possible for us to save ourselves. As it is, since God provided the way for us to have eternal life, now we have nothing to boast about, other than the love, grace and mercy of God. Pretty smart planning, wouldn't you say?

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: God's love most clearly revealed in Jesus, who died not for the righteous, but for sinners.

P: *Jesus accepted his mission to die on our behalf, proving that although God cannot tolerate sin, God truly loves sinners.*

L: We are unrighteous, and therefore unworthy of God's love. And yet, the love of God is poured out to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.

P: *Praise God that because of the love of Christ, we are saved and reconciled to God in order that we might enjoy new life!*

*Hymn of Praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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*Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he.
 Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
 Evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;
 Powers dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King;
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
 Evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, And O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be;
 Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
 Evermore and evermore!*

Meeting God in the Word

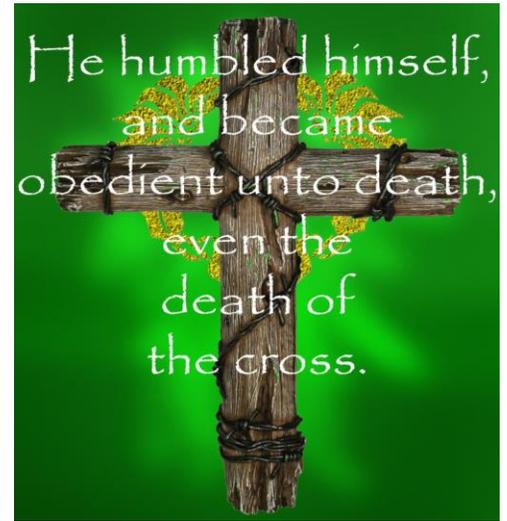
Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



A Story for Children of God of all Ages

All You Ever Need

Max Lucado

Illustrated by Douglas Klauba

Second Lessons

Romans 5: 6-11, 8: 1-6



For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled

to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Sermon

One Forsaken, Many Forgiven



Responding to the Word

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This?

#85

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity, I'll sing on!*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus:

*I cast all my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime, that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts



God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.

Going Out to Serve

**COMING IN TO WORSHIP,
GOING OUT TO SERVE**

Closing Hymn*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

#422

*God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door;
Gifted by you, we turn to you, Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing, Toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants, Fit to answer at your throne.*



*Treasure too you have entrusted, Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving you by loving all.*

Blessing

L: We were dead but now we are alive, because God, who is rich in mercy,

P: *Forgave us because of Christ's death for us.*

L: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love.

P: *As Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

L: May the blessings ...

Response*He Is Lord*

*He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, And he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess, That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

You are my King

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken

I'm accepted, You were condemned

I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me

Because you died and rose again