



**CHRIST
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March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

Descent to the Cross: I am the Bread of Life

For the life of the world

Jesus gives his own flesh to be torn, beaten, and nailed.

He who alone can satisfy our hunger

for love and intimacy, for forgiveness and healing,

for security and purpose, for joy and peace,

is arraigned and judged an impostor.

God is condemned by man;

He who fills us with good things is himself emptied.

He who is the Object of our heart-desire

becomes the object of our hatred.

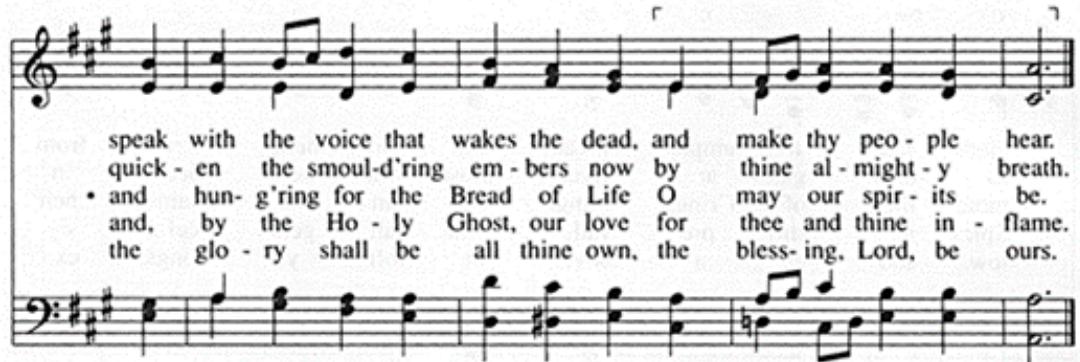
How bittersweet the Cross!

How worthy of praise he who hangs on it!

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1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;
2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;
3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;
4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;
5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;



speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo - ple hear.
quick - en the smoul-d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.
• and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.
and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.
the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

Revive Thy Work, O Lord

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 55 & Psalm 63

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price

**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,

and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

Invocation

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 16:1–3, 11–16, 31–35

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Praise Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, who son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,
yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness:
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore us in such trust and love
that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.
We ask in Jesus' name, amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution

I John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Capo 1: ♯ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♯ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♯ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♯

from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
• we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

New Testament Lesson John 6:25-40

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

“Jerusalem”

In the ancient days,
we will return with no delay
Picking up the bounty and the spoils
 on our way
We've been traveling from state to state
And them don't understand what they say
3,000 years with no place to be
And they want me to give up
 my milk and honey
Don't you see,
it's not about the land or the sea
Not the country
but the dwelling of his majesty

[Chorus]: Jerusalem, if I forget you,
fire not gonna come from me tongue.
Jerusalem, if I forget you,
let my right hand forget
 what it's supposed to do.

Rebuild the temple and the crown of glory
Years gone by, about sixty
Burn in the oven in this century
And the gas tried to choke,
 but it couldn't choke me
I will not lie down, I will not fall asleep
They come overseas,
yes they're trying to be free

Erase the demons out of our memory
Change your name and your identity
Afraid of the truth and our dark history
Why is everybody always chasing we
Cut off the roots of your family tree
Don't you know that's not the way to be

[chorus]

Caught up in these ways,
 and the worlds gone craze
Don't you know it's just a phase
Case of the Simon says
If I forget the truth
 then my words won't penetrate
Babylon burning in the place,
can't see through the haze
Chop down all of them dirty ways,
That's the price that you pay
 for selling lies to the youth
No way, not ok, oh no way, not ok, hey
Ain't no one gonna break my stride
Ain't no one gonna hold me down
Oh no, I got to keep on moving

[chorus]

– Matisyahu

Trinity Song

Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One
Come with Your peace with Your invitation; Bind us together in holy love
Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One

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Sermon Text

Psalm 137

Sermon

Psalms of Cursing | Curran Bishop

Response Hymn

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

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Prayers of the People

Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
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Jesus, Remember Me

Chorus: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Chords: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, Eb

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a melody with a quarter rest in the second measure. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Chorus: Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your kingdom.

Chords: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, Eb

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It begins with a measure rest (marked '5') and then continues with the same vocal and piano parts as the first system. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand.

Confession of Faith from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 52 & 56
Christians, what do you believe?

In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn Communion Song

Chorus

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord our God our maker
We belong to Him (repeat 3x)

Come let us eat, come let us eat
Come let us eat with Him the bread which gives us life
Come let us eat, come let us eat with Him
Let us revel in what He's done for us

Chorus

Come let us drink. come let us drink
Come let us drink with Him the wine which gives us life
Come let us drink, come let us drink with Him
Let us revel in what He's done for us

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

Communion Song

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord our God our maker
We belong to Him (repeat 3x)

Benediction from 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O people of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession. Now to our Lord Jesus Christ—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see—to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

REFLECTION

God our Food

“The Bible... begins with man as a hungry being, with the man who is that which he eats. [Yet] nowhere in the Bible do we find the dichotomies which for us are the self evident frame-work of all approaches to religion. In the Bible the food that man eats, the world of which he must partake in order to live, is given to him by God, and it is given as communion with God. The world as man’s food is not something “material” and limited to material functions, thus different from, and opposed to, the specifically “spiritual” functions by which man is related to God. All that exists is God’s gift to man, and it all exists to make God known to man, to make man’s life communion with God. It is divine love made food, made life for man... “taste and see that the Lord is good.” (Ps. 38:4). Man is a hungry being. But he is hungry for God. Behind all the hunger of our life is God.... To be sure, man is not the only hungry being. All that exists lives by “eating.” The whole creation depends on food. But the unique position of man in the universe is that he alone is to bless God for the food and the life he receives from him. He alone is to respond to God’s blessing with his blessing.... [This need to respond was met in God’s action:] He sent light.... The light God sent was his Son: the same light that had been shining unextinguished in the world’s darkness all along, seen now in full brightness.”

—from Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World* (1963)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Bishops' house for a Bible Study and meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Sunday Worship | We'll meet at the Milford Arts Council (40 Railroad Ave) at 10:30am through the month of March.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Men meet next in April, women on 3/19, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd Fridays, rotating months: the men will meet March 18th for a bonfire or pub night. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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