

# *Lenten Service*

*March 21, 2018*



# LENT

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**March 21, 2018**

*Worship Service 7:00 p.m.*

## THE PRELUDE

### Announcements

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

HYMN

*“Beneath The Cross Of Jesus”*

LBW #107

*Stand*

Confession and Absolution

L When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.

**C So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day and face the fact that we have not always dealt well with one another.**

L From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised

**C We are truly sorry for all the sins that sent you to suffer on the cross for us, and we ask you to be merciful to us for so often failing to turn to you when we face struggles in this life.**

L I tell you the truth, in the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

**C Help us, Lord, to come to you in prayer when we are suffering, and turn any of the hardships we are facing now over you.**

L Hear these words of comfort from God's Holy Word: the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C His suffering on the cross assures us that any type of suffering we may endure in this life will be removed in the life to come.**

L For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort and forgiveness.

**C We thank you, Jesus, for facing suffering on the cross for our forgiveness, and thank you for the comfort that you bring amidst the suffering we face. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

**O Jesus, our Savior, you suffered great affliction on the cross and at the hands of your tormentors, so you are more than familiar with the sufferings of this world. Help us to face our suffering with the confidence of knowing that these present sufferings are not worth comparing to joy that we will experience in you. Open our eyes to see what you are saying to us about our life with you even through the sufferings. And help us to use the sufferings that we have endured and conquered to bring wisdom and insight to those who are experiencing similar circumstances no. In all things let the hardships of the world never prevent us from serving you in all we say and do. In your name we pray, Amen.**

*Sit*

First Reading

Job 19:25-27

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-11

*Stand*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:27-31

*Sit*

Message

*"Facing Suffering"*

Pastor John Boor

Hymn

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

LBW #104

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **Prayers**

**P** Dear Jesus, we marvel at the suffering you endured for us on the cross. Let us never take the suffering that took place there lightly, but honor and respect and revere it for what it was: a path to our eternal salvation. Let us never discount the lengths you went to to make sure that our sufferings would come to an end. We are eternally grateful to you for your ultimate sacrifice for us.

**L** Christ, who faced the cross,

**C** **turn your eyes to us.**

P O Jesus Christ, our Lord, as we endure suffering on this earth of body, mind, and spirit, help us to turn to you for strength and remember that even your suffering, you continued to do the Father's will and obey his commands for your life. Empower us to keep fighting through the pain that we might reach the goals that you have in mind for us.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P O Comforting Christ, you were compassionate toward those who were suffering, even when you yourself were suffering so deeply. Help us to be supportive to those we know who are suffering around us and to not let our own troubles stop us from being of service to those in need.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P In great anguish, you cried out to God, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Yet in the end you humbly said to your Father, "Into your hands I commit my spirit." Carry us through times when we are feeling forsaken by our God because of our suffering, and move us to a peace in knowing that our God always has us in the palm of his hand.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P We remember this day, dear Lord, all those martyrs who suffered and died for the faith. We thank you for their lives among us and the role models they have been for us to stand up for our faith at any cost--- even death.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Grant us vision, we pray, to see past the struggles of this life to the joy that is set before us in heaven. May these momentary trials be for us a way to make the final revelation of your plan even sweeter.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

For these and all other things we have on our hearts, we ask for your grace, confident that we can face whatever comes our way because you faced the cross for us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Father remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn

*“The Old Rugged Cross” (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse)*

On a hill far away stood an Old Rugged Cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
And I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

And I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
And I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

(The congregation leaves in silence)



**THE OLD  
RUGGED  
CROSS**



## **The Season of Lent • Year B**

The general tone for worship during Lent should be reflective without being somber. Simplicity in liturgical elements and hymnody is conducive to setting the appropriate tone. As part of the reflective nature of this season, there is an emphasis on repentance. In the early church, Lent was the period when new believers experienced the catechumenate in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In this season, we are not only reminded of Jesus' faithful and intentional journey to the cross, but also of his calling for us to "take up the cross" and follow him.

