

Lenten Mid-Week Service

April 5, 2022

Cherry Wood Cross

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn: *"Alas and Did, My Savior Bleed" 437 vs. 1-3*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Cross Litany:

P: The Cross points us to our Lord's pain C: *It points us to the cost of our forgiveness.*

P: The Cross is the only means to bring cleansing C: *It alone could wipe away our sins!*

P: The Cross stands as a symbol of death C: *It was chosen by the Father for His Son!*

P: The Cross enables us to have hope C: *It is a symbol of the Father's grace to us!*

P: The Cross is a defeat of sin C: *It is God's declaration of His means of grace for us!*

P: The Cross is the tool the Father chose C: *It is the one true place God removed sin for all mankind!*

P: The Cross will stand forever C: *As a sign of the cost of evil and the gift of eternal life!*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P: His Cross paid the price for the sins of all mankind!

C: *His Cross brought His grace into the lives of us all!*

Psalmody: Psalm 103: 10-15

P: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; C: *They flow between the hills*

P: They give drink to every beast of the field; C: *The wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

P: Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; C: *They sing among the branches.*

P: From lofty abode You water the mountains; C: *The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.*

P: You cause the green grass to grow for the livestock and plants for many to cultivate, C: *That he may bring forth food from the earth*

P: And wine to gladden the heart of man C: *Oil to make His face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!*

Collect: Heavenly Father, You choose the Cross as Your means to bring us cleansing from our sins and the gift of being made "acceptable" in Your sight; bless us Lord to view Your Cross with understanding and humility, with reverence and joy. Enable us dear Lord to be strengthened and encouraged by the message and blessing of the Cross to touch the lives of others and to bring Your comfort and hope to many; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Choir: *"For God So loved the World"*

Lessons:

Colossians 1: 3-6 *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the Word of the truth, the Gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing-- as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.*

Matthew 26: 27-29 *And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this "fruit of the vine" until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

Children's Sermon – "Fruit of the Vine"

Song: "The Cross"

In the Cross of Christ we'll be Blessed in love and unity
He took us from lost to saved Freed us from our sin and grave.

Hung upon the Cross was He Mocked and beat for all to see
Asked His Father to forgive So that all mankind might live.

Hanging on the Cross was He Shed His blood for you and me
Paid the price for all to see Our Vine of life He'll always be.

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Offerings Brought to the Altar

Prayers ///

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Praise to You and Adoration" 692

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction: *Choir- Lenten Benediction #3*

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