

# *The Second Sunday of Lent*

March 8, 2009

## GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre* R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## TO CALL ON THE NAME AND REMEMBER THE STORY

+CALL TO WORSHIP Melody: No. 534 RHOSYMEDRE

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

ONE: Pilate said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"  
They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not  
have handed him over to you."

PEOPLE: **By a perversion of justice he was taken away. He was  
wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.**

*He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend;  
who at my need his life did spend!*

ONE: Then Pilate summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King  
of the Jews? What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My  
kingdom is not from this world."

PEOPLE: **By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Upon him  
was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises  
we are healed.**

*Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.  
And for his death they thirst and cry.*

ONE: Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations  
they make against you?" But Jesus gave him no answer, so that  
the governor was greatly amazed.

PEOPLE: **Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep  
that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.**

*Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.  
That he his foes from thence might free.*

ONE: The high priest said to him, "Tell us if you are the Messiah, the  
Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell  
you, from now on you shall see the son of Man seated at the right  
hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the  
high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! What  
is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

PEOPLE: **By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Yet it was the  
will of the Lord to crush him with pain. Out of his anguish he  
shall see light. The righteous one, my servant, shall make  
many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.**

*In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
but mine wherein the tomb he lay.  
But mine wherein the tomb he lay.*

## TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT ISAIAH 40:28-31

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT MARK 2:13-17; LUKE 13:10-17

MESSAGE IN DRAMA Christ on Trial *Witnesses: Matthew; A Woman Healed*

## To Respond to God's Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Col. 1:15-20)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of  
all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible. All things have been created in him and  
through him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things  
hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the**

beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

+HYMN (INSERT) *On Eagle's Wings* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray* C.H. KITSON

+DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING**

+HYMN NO. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN CM

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ONE: In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

PEOPLE: **We testify to the truth of Christ in court: in the chambers of our human hearts.**

ONE: So we say to all: Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. And may the peace of Christ bless and keep you as you live your life as a testimony to him.

PEOPLE: **Amen**

+RESPONSE

**Here might I stay and sing – no story so divine.  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.  
I all my days could gladly spend.**

+POSTLUDE *Gerontius* JOHN MARSH