

THEME: *“We are being transformed into Christ-likeness”*
DATE/TIME: March 31, 2010 – 7:40 – 8:10 p.m.
SPEAKER:
TITLE /TEXT: Holy Week Communion Service – various texts

PRELUDE: When I Survey - *iWORSHIP DVD H* – (4:07) – 2X

WELCOME:

We have come to worship the God who is transforming us into Christ-likeness.

We have come today to remember the One whose sacrifice makes our transformation possible – Jesus Christ.

We have come to recall the events of the hours of His passion and crucifixion.

We have come to consider our own lives in the light of His life and death for us.

Let's begin our time with a song of praise

ANTIPHONAL PRAISE – sheet music - (D) - antiphonal

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We worship You, Almighty God,
In You alone is our delight.
We worship You, oh holy God,
And lift our voice to sing Your praise.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WE FALL DOWN – sheet music – (D) – antiphonal/unison

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We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet . . . of Jesus
The greatness of . . . mercy and love
At the feet . . . of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

Prayers of Praise –

Scripture Reading #1

“The first of the scripture readings tells the story of the prophet Isaiah’s obedience to God, and foretells of another’s obedience to the Father.”

Isaiah 50:4-9 – Read responsively

⁴ The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

⁵ *The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears,
and I have not been rebellious;
I have not drawn back.*

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷ *Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.*

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!
Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

⁹ *It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.
Who is he that will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.*

“Let’s sing a song together in recognition of the obedient one, our Savior Jesus Christ.”

JESUS MESSIAH – sheet music – (G)

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CHORUS:

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

CHORUS

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

CHORUS

Scripture Reading #2

“The second scripture reading describes the moments when Jesus’ betrayal was put into motion.”

John 13:21-32

²¹After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me."

²²His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant.

²³One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

²⁵Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. ²⁷As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

²⁸"What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹Since Judas had charge of the money,

some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"The passage speaks of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, but it also begs the question: Would we betray Jesus? Would we crucify Him?"

"Would You Crucify Him?" - Solo – Alan Lyke

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Sometimes, in the cool of the evening
The truth comes like a lover through the wind.
Sometime, when my thoughts have gone deceiving
She'll ask that same old question once again.

Would you crucify Him?
Would you crucify Him my old friends?
Would you crucify Him -
Talkin' about the sweet Lord Jesus -
If he walked right here among you once again?

She's asking how many times have you looked down to the harlot,
Looking through her tears, pretending you don't know.
But once you were just like her, how can you be now so self-righteous,
When in the name of the Lord you throw the first stone?

Would you crucify Him?
Would you crucify Him my religious friends?
Would you crucify Him -
Talkin' 'bout the sweet Lord Jesus -
If he walked right here among you once again?

And now they turn to you,
through the years of your robes and your stained glass windows.
Do you vainly echo your prayers, say you're pleasing the Lord?
Profess the marriage with your tongue, but your mind dreams like the harlot.
When the Judge looks to your thoughts, can't you guess your reward?

But yet how many times have you quoted from your Bible
To justify your eye for your eye, and your tooth for your tooth?
You say that He didn't mean what He was plainly saying.
Well, like the Pharisee my friend, you're an educated fool.

Would you crucify Him?
Would you crucify Him my religious friends?
Would you crucify Him -
Talkin' 'bout the sweet Lord Jesus -
If he walked right here among you once again?

Prayers of Reflection/Repentance – a time to consider our relationship to God

Scripture Reading #3 - unison

“The consequence of Jesus' betrayal is His crucifixion. Our third scripture reading is a cry for help, a prayer pleading for deliverance. Though written by the psalmist, it echoes Jesus' prayer in the garden.”

Psalm 70

¹ Hasten, O God, to save me;
O Lord, come quickly to help me.
² May those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
³ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
⁴ But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation always say,
"Let God be exalted!"
⁵ Yet I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.

“Let's make this prayer of the psalmist – and of Jesus - our own as we prepare to partake in the Lord's Supper.”

Come, O Redeemer, Come – CD – project lyrics as song plays – CCLI # 2069663

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Father, enthroned on high,
Holy, holy.
Ancient, eternal light,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, save us from the dark
Of our striving,
Faithless, and troubled hearts,
Weighed down.

Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us peace.

Look now upon our need;
Lord, be with us.
Heal us and make us free
From our sin.

Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us peace.

Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come,
Grant us peace.

Father, enthroned on high,
Holy, holy.
Ancient, eternal light,
Hear our prayer.

Communion – intinction

Repeat “Come, O Redeemer, Come” as elements are served

Read – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 after elements served

²³ The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." *Let's eat together and be thankful.*

²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *Let's drink together in gratitude for His grace.*

Scripture Reading #4

"The final scripture reading is a challenge that we take none of this for granted, but that our lives reflect the compassion of the Father, the obedience of the Son, and the empowering of the Spirit to live Christ-like lives until He comes again."

Hebrews 12:1-3 - Unison

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

"Let's sing – and live – together a hymn of commitment and praise."

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

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When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

CHORUS:

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

CHORUS

Benediction