



Welcome to Worship!
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Greeting

P - We are saved by God's grace!

C - Through our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gathering Song - "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Confession and Forgiveness

P - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, call us to repentance, and make us new.

C - Amen.

P - In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P - God at the margins,

C - We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P - Like manna in the desert, God feeds us with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day. God forgives our sins for the sake of Christ and leads us from death into life.

C - Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P - Son of Man,

C - you encouraged your disciples to follow only your voice, and promised that they would see your glorious presence. Show us your glory and teach us to follow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Psalm - Psalm 102:12-17

Gospel Reading - Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Song - "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness'

No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;

When all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Sermon

Song - "At the Cross"

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.
Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life;
Here I bow down, here I bow.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

Prayers of the Church

Reflection Question

Send your thoughts in written form or in a voice memo to sttimstories@gmail.com and we will share them throughout the week!

Song - "No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody,
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (x2)

From my Mother's womb You have chosen me;
I've been born in You into Your loving arms

Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (x4)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing; I am a child of God. (x2)

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. (x2)

Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord's Prayer

C - Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are your, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song - "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Dismissal

Postlude

During this time when we are gathered together digitally, this compassionate congregation still provides support to a variety of ministries that serve our local and global communities. If you are able, please visit our website (www.sttimschurch.net) and click the icon on the homepage labeled "Support Staff and Ministries" to provide a financial offering.

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