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M: Minister
W: Worshipers

WELCOME

HYMN:

“How Great Thou Art”
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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

W: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

W: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

W: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Romans 3:10-22a

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹ there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.

¹² All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”

¹³ “Their throats are open graves;
their tongues practice deceit.”

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

¹⁴ “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 20:20-26

²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. ²¹ So the spies questioned him: “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. ²² Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

²³ He saw through their duplicity and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?” “Caesar's,” they replied. ²⁵ He said to them, “Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.” ²⁶ They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**W: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

HYMN:

"It Is Well with My Soul"
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MESSAGE

“That Most Important Week: Wednesday—A Day of Silence”
based on Psalm 46:10a

Sunday, April 5th, begins what is called “Holy Week” or “Passion Week” in the Christian church. Holy Week takes us back to the week of Jesus’ earthly life that contained his final suffering and crucifixion; a week that could be called the last week of Jesus’ life—in the earthly sense. God, in the Bible, does not treat the events of that week lightly. For example, out of the 28 chapters of Matthew’s Gospel roughly the first 2 chapters focus on the first 3 years of Jesus’ life. Then Matthew spends chapters 3-20 telling us about the 3 years of Jesus’ public ministry. Matthew concludes his Gospel by spending chapter 21 through the first half of chapter 28 on Holy Week! One quarter of the entire Gospel of Matthew is spent on one week of Jesus’ life! There must be some important things that happened that week about which God wants us to know! Therefore, on the Sundays in Lent this year at Grace, we are exploring some of the events of THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK.

Psalm 46

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*. A song.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Churchy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

M: May God grant you good health and hope in Jesus.

HYMN:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
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How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,
 And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,
 When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion

Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
 And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
 He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, "How great thou

art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior - God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"



It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin - not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 state, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well
 more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend, "E - ven so" - It is well with my soul.

— with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 well with my soul,

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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