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WELCOME

“LEAD ME TO THE CROSS”

[Verse 1]

Savior, I come.
Quiet my soul, remember:
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.

[Pre-Chorus]

And everything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss

[Chorus 1]

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Lead me--
Lead me to the cross.

[Verse 2]

You were as I,
Tempted and trialed: Human.
The word became flesh;
Bore my sin and death.
Now you're risen.

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus 2]

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Lead me--
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.
Lead me to your heart.

[Chorus 1]

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: Everybody needs Jesus. I need him. You need him. We need to know him, love him, follow him and speak about him. But sometimes it is easier to ignore and be silent about what we claim to be the most important One in our lives. Instead of taking Paul's encouragement and letting our conversations always be full of grace and seasoned with salt (*Colossians 4:6*), our conversations can truly be unwholesome—and when it comes to talking Jesus, it is rather difficult when his name never leaves our lips. Perhaps during a time when we are practicing social distancing this seems more difficult than “normal.” Yet, we may be surprised if we would compare the differences between pre-social distancing and now. We may find that what we do is focus inward, rather than up. In moments where we know we have no excuse—where we know that we have not lived up to the standard we are called to—we need Jesus. We need him for what he has done for us as Savior—and continues to do for us as Savior—when we are pleading for help, seeking comfort, asking for forgiveness; he has words to quiet our troubled lives, hearts, and consciences. So we come together, in confession and in prayer:

Worshippers: Loving Lord, as hard as I try, I can never be perfect. Every day I sin, whether through the words I say, the thoughts I think, or actions I do or choose not to do. I cannot fix what I have done and I know the cost, that is why I need Jesus. Please forgive me of my sins and show mercy to me. Not because I have earned it or deserve it, but because of your overwhelming, never-ending love and your Son Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. He sees you are blameless and holy because of the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every sin you have ever committed has been wiped away. He remembers your sins no more and has made you alive in Christ. Go in peace knowing that your sins are forgiven. May the God of hope richly preserve you in faith through his Word and strengthen you to live your life sharing what Christ has done until you are called home. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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.

SECOND LESSON

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.

“ABIDE WITH ME”

[Verse 1]

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

[Verse 2]

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

[Verse 3]

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

[Verse 4]

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

[Verse 5]

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK:

A DAY OF TEACHING

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

- 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.

PRAYER

The Worship Leader will offer the prayer. Following all will join in The Lord's Prayer:

All: 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.

"YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE"

[Verse 1]

Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea,
your grace is deeper still.

(Repeat Verse 1)

[Chorus]

And you alone can rescue,
You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us,
Led us out of death,
To you alone belongs the highest praise.

[Verse 2]

You, O Lord, have made a way,
The great divide you heal.
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still,
Yes, your love goes further still.

[Chorus]

To you alone belongs the highest praise.
To you alone belongs the highest praise.

[Bridge] x2

We lift up our eyes—lift up our eyes,
You're the giver of life.
We lift up our eyes—lift up our eyes,
You're the giver of life.

[Chorus]

To you alone belongs the highest praise.
To you along belongs the highest praise.

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WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the current message series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our “*Grace CREWW – Lent 2020*” playlist on Spotify. You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app.

To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the camera icon then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship:

