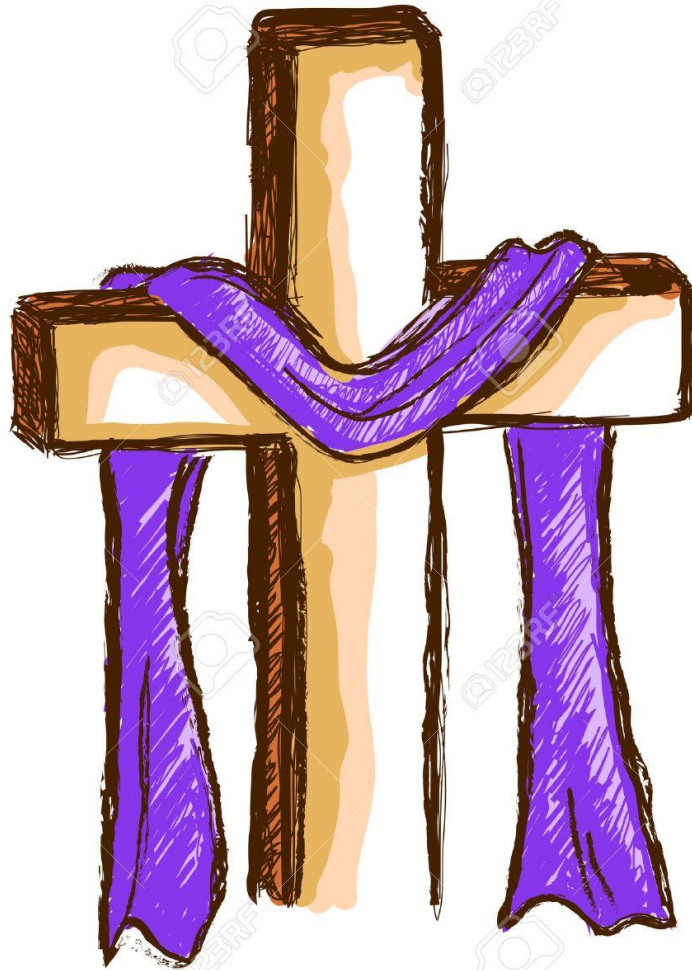


# *SEASON OF LENT 2021*



March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

March 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

\*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

P: to herald your love in the morning,

C: **your truth at the close of the day.**

### OPENING HYMN

“Take My Life, that I May Be”

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### CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know-- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed-- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm 119:9-16, 77:1-6, 11-19 .....Read Responsively

<sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup> **With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup> I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

**12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

**14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

<sup>1</sup> I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

<sup>3</sup> I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints.

**4 You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

<sup>5</sup> I consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago.

**6 I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:**

<sup>11</sup> I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**12 I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

<sup>14</sup> You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

**16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

<sup>19</sup> Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;  
**yet your footprints were unseen. <sup>20</sup> You led your people.**

GOSPEL..... John 12:34-50

<sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. <sup>37</sup>Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. <sup>38</sup>This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

<sup>39</sup>And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

<sup>40</sup>"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them."

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

<sup>44</sup>Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. <sup>47</sup>I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, <sup>49</sup>for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

## THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## RESPONSORY

**P:** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C:** **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**P:** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C:** **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Now the Day Is Over”

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## CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**P:** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours off night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray.

**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.**

## LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

**All:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## CLOSING CHIMES

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!**

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**WELCOME TO ALL!**

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah this evening. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Vicar. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from other churches of our community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests this evening and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

WE THANK ALL who are participating in the service this evening.

THE OFFERING PLATES are located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

# Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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# Now the Day Is Over

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1 Now the day is o - ver; Night is draw - ing nigh;  
 2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry Calm and sweet re - pose;  
 3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer Watch - ing late in pain;  
 4 Through the long night - watch - es May your an - gels spread

Shad - ows of the eve - ning Steal a - cross the sky.  
 With your ten - d'rest bless - ing May our eye - lids close.  
 Those who plan some e - vil, From their sin re - strain.  
 Their bright wings a - bove me, Watch - ing round my bed.