

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT***



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DOWN AT THE CROSS

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1819-1929

Tune: John H. Stockton, 1813-1877

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!
2. I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within,
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His name!
3. O precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His name!
4. Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today and be made complete;
Glory to His name!

Refrain:

Glory to His name, Glory to His name;
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(from Joel 2, Isaiah 58, Matthew 6)

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion! Sanctify a fast! Gather the people and call an assembly.

People: **Let us rend not only our clothing, but let us rend our hearts to be made anew and to be cleansed from impurity.**

Leader: For the day of the Lord is coming, it is near. Even now, the Lord tells us to return with all our heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.

People: **Let us return to the Lord, our God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: But let us beware of practicing our piety before others in order to be seen by them. Let us pray in secret, immerse ourselves in the inner spiritual disciplines, and commit to faithful discipleship.

People: **We will not just fast, but we shall also pray. We will not only resist temptation; we will also serve our present age.**

Leader: Fill us with your power, O God, to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free in this season.

People: **Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Deliver us, O God, and our tongues shall sing your praises.**

WORSHIP HYMN #243....."**DOWN AT THE CROSS**"

THE PRAYERS.....**ELDERS & DEACONS**

Prayer of Purification, Prayer of Pardon, and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Purification

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord...

The Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant: Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; Have mercy

upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all of our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Savior...

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our LORD, to set forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the Company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. AMEN!**

THE PRAYER RESPONSE.....”SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

CHOIR PRAISE

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Matthew 4: 1-11 (niv)**
(Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” ⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

PREFACE..... **”From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator’s praise arise;
Let the redeemer’s name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.”**

THE LENTEN PRAYER AND RESPONSE

Leader: Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Response: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us

Leader: Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Lord Jesus, you call us to repent and to believe for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Response: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us

Leader: You teach us to do God’s will. You invite us to follow you on the way to the cross. Lord, renew in us the Grace of our baptism. Transform our thought, word, and deeds that we might turn away from sin and live the Gospel.

Response: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI.....”**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

WORSHIP IN GIVING * Tithes & Offerings

“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given Thee. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**

CHOIR PRAISE

THE MESSAGE.....**Pastor Hale**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

WELCOME & OCCASION * *All Saints Day*

NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN #530.....”LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Chief Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, praying together in one voice our General Confession.

Celebrant and People: ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Response: *AMEN!*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the LORD and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

Choral Response: *AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!*

THE CONSECRATION

Chief Celebrant: All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This, is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you

and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE SOLICITATION

Chief Celebrant: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father in Heaven, Holy is Your Name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, in earth as it is 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 the evil one. For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Minister: **Let us pray together ...**

ALL: **Merciful God, share with us your promises and your prescriptions, for we need both the reassurance of your steadfast love, and your call to responsible service. In this season we seek reconciliation and renewal! Establish in us those strengths of character that help us to withstand evil and endure hardships for the sake of the gospel. In you we live and rejoice and have everything we need...Lead us now...Amen!**

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons:

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT – Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17

Church School for ALL Ages – 8:00 AM *Every Sunday*

Prayer Meeting – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Class Leaders meeting, Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.
- Christian Education Board, Monday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.
- Mary Creth Missionary Society, Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.
- Lay Organization – Saturday, March 7, 12:00 Noon
- Official Board, Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.
- Trustee Board meeting, Monday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Steward Board Meeting, Monday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
- Ministerial Staff meeting, Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY **Thursday at 6:30 PM**
- YPD – Saturday, March 21 @ 12:00 noon
- Missionary Society – Sunday, November 24, *Following the Benediction*

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- **Sunday, March 8, Annual Lay Day.**
- March 13-15, 13th District WMS Retreat in Memphis, TN
- **Sunday, March 15, Women's History Month Observance.** Our own Sis. Rochelle Owsley will be the speaker. The women are asked to wear Black and Purple for the observance.
- March 27-29, Connectional YPD-LTI in Louisville, KY.
- **Sunday, March 29, 172nd Church Anniversary.** The Brotherhood from Hopkinsville, Kentucky will be our guest. Dinner will be served. More information is forthcoming. Taxation for Church Anniversary is **\$172.00** payable throughout the year. Mark your envelope as **CA172**.

REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00 is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as CA171.
- Conference Claims per member per month is \$15.00/\$180.00 per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.

- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.
- Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post* comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City", phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit spvame.com and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ellis Collins	March 3
Rickey Boatley	March 6
Phyllis Dockies	March 9
Candice Kirtley	March 16
LaMichelle Haddix	March 17
Yvonne Wilson	March 17
Charles Brown, Jr.	March 18
Channing Carter	March 22
Myrtle Granville	March 23
Trumell Ikard	March 25
Domonique Kirtley	March 29

OUR PRAYER LIST

Armenta Chase
Christine Collins
Lorie Dale
Phyllis Dockies
Lewis Givens

OUR PRAYER LIST, continued

Damon Greene
Jacqueline Greenlee
Rev. Frederick E. Hale
Pearl C. Higgins
Kenneth Howard
Mildred Jones
Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Norman Morton
Betty Moseley
Odes Nash
Thomas Parrish
Mona Amburgey Romine
Rev. James E. Smith
Renee Scott Smith
Russell Thornton
Frances Walker
Anna Williams

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, visit, send a card and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.

Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.27:33-66

Jesus on the cross

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DIED	ARIMATHEA
GALL	BELIEVE
HOLY	CENTURION
JESUS	CLOTH
JEWS	CROSS
KING	CRUCIFIED
LIFE	CURTAIN
LINEN	DECEIVER
MARY	DISCIPLE
SAVED	GOLGOTHA
SEAL	JAMES
SKULL	JOSEPH
STEAL	MAGDALENE
STONE	PHARISEES
TOMB	PILATE
TORN	RAISED
UNTIL	SPIRIT
WINE	SPONGE

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Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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SERMON NOTES

Date: _____

Songs we sang:



Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Text: _____

List all Scripture references mentioned:

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Write some sentences about the sermon:


