

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Worship Focus

**Rethinking Suffering Under the Cross**

 **Rethinking  
Religion**

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Order of Service for  
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The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

694 – Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on  
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
 winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unending love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated*





## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST READING

Job 1:13-22

*Job is given a heavy cross, but it does not crush his faith. Instead, God uses Job's cross to move Job to worship and praise the LORD.*

<sup>13</sup>One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14a</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup>and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup>when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup>At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup>and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised."

<sup>22</sup>In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

Psalm 22

## Refrain



O sa-cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down.

## Tone



My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of / anguish?

I am a worm and / not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.

All who see me / mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.

“He trusts in the / Lord,” they say,

“let the LORD / rescue him.” *Refrain*

All my bones are / on display;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment.

But you, Lord, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***



## SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

*St. Paul teaches that God works through our suffering to shape our Christian character and to lead us to cling to Christ's gracious promises.*

ROMANS 5:1<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

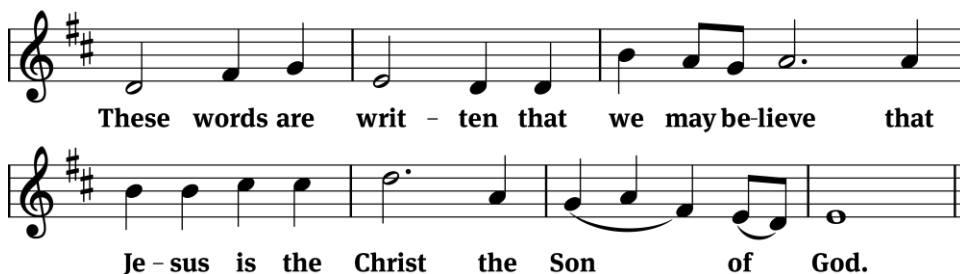
<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ the Son of God.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

*Jesus teaches of the absolute necessity of the cross, both his and ours.*

<sup>31</sup>MARK 8:31 [Jesus] then began to teach [the disciples] that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Be seated**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

The Wonderful Cross

*The worship team will lead the singing. The congregation is invited to join as comfortable.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gains I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

**Refrain**

*Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross!  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all!*

**Refrain**

*Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## ✘ Sermon ✘

Romans 5:1-5

# You Can Suffer with a Smile

*Sermon notes:*

*Please stand*

## ✘ Confession of Faith ✘

### THE 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.**

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Do not be far from your people, O Lord, when trouble is near. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

When we must suffer losses or carry crosses, give us patience, and remind us that our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

You have demonstrated your love by giving your only Son to die for a world of sinners. Spread this peace to those who do not know and have not heard. Through your Word give them access into this grace in which we now stand. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

Give perseverance, character and hope to missionaries who bring your gospel to people in places where we ourselves cannot go. Let the love you have poured into their hearts flow through them to the people they reach and serve. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. Bless all who plow and plant. Give favorable weather and an abundant harvest. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

Help those who are suffering with pain or losses or illness [*especially...*]. Give them patience and strengthen their faith in your goodness, that they praise your name in bad times as well as good. You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Lord God, heavenly Father, in your infinite wisdom you place your children on earth under the cross and we endure many troubles. Guard us against sins and lead us to believe, hope, and pray. In every affliction and need send us your gracious help so that we may know your grace and fatherly goodness, and praise and glorify you with all your saints in eternity, for you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit alone are the eternal God. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

817 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,  
 3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
 soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.  
 bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
 Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -  
 and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
 fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.  
 safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my  
 And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
 soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
 joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

*Each verse continues on the facing page*



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

**Stand**

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Brother and sisters, go in peace.  
 Live in harmony with one another.  
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

## 844 – What God Ordains Is Always Good



1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: his will is just and  
2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: he nev - er will de -  
3 What God or-dains is al - ways good: though I the cup am  
4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: this truth re - mains un -



ho - ly. As he di - rects my life for me, I fol - low  
ceive me; he leads me in his right - eous way and nev - er  
drink - ing which sa - vors now of bit - ter-ness, I take it  
shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



meek and low - ly. My God in - deed in ev - 'ry need knows  
will he leave me. I take con - tent what he has sent; his  
with - out shrink - ing. For af - ter grief God grants re - lief, my  
be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, for with his arm he



well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.  
hand that sends me sad - ness will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
heart with com - fort fill - ing and all my sor - row still - ing.  
will em - brace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

*Be seated*

***After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.***