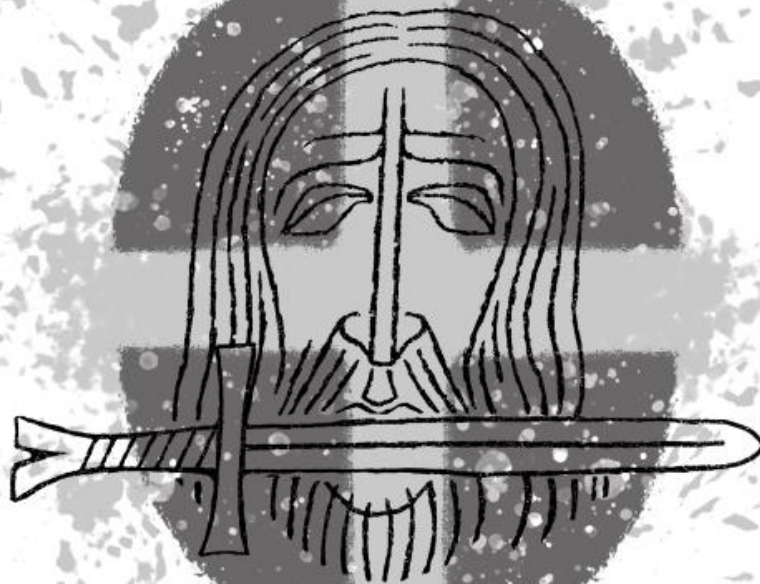




*The Victor Speaks*



*"It is finished."*

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE**

*April 1, 2020*

# Our Lenten Worship: *The Victor Speaks*

We are glad that you have joined us for our service today, and we pray that you will be strengthened in your faith in Jesus. We invite you to join us again over the coming weeks for our special Lenten and Holy Week services.

"He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver." -Isaiah 49:2

During Lent our eyes focus on the cross of Jesus Christ. The Crucified is lifted up, helplessly hanging and dying on the tree between heaven and earth. But his hanging on the cross, His defeat, is His victory. Through it He established His royal rule over all nations. So from the mouth of the suffering Savior comes the sword of his victorious word. His seven words from the cross reveal this victory. This Lent our look at the seven words from the cross will show us Christ the Victor, who makes us victors in the face of defeat. This evening Pastor Kelly's message will consider the sixth word from the cross: *It is finished.*

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## OPENING HYMN

### CW 110 vv. 1-4: *My Song Is Love Unknown*



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es  
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might  
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for  
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas  
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the  
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my  
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -  
to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their  
blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at  
life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.  
these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.  
goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## OPENING PRAYER

P: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymn of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## PSALM 32

*Psalm 32 is one of seven psalms that are traditionally called “the penitential psalms.” It is one of the clearest statements on the Old Testament doctrines of repentance, justification, and forgiveness. Like Psalm 51, this psalm appears to have been written to express David’s repentance after Nathan the prophet confronted him with his sins of adultery and murder (2 Sam 12).*

*Refrain*

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;

re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

*Psalm tone*

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## *Refrain*

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,\*  
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;\*  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you\*  
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”\*

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***Refrain***

You are my hiding place;\*

you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,\*

but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

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

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\***

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

***Refrain***

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**PSALM PRAYER**

P: Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **We Hear God's Word**

**PASSION READING—PART FIVE**

**Matthew 27:32-56**

*As we finish the story of Jesus' suffering and death for our sins, we hear about crucifixion, death, and burial.*

*The Crucifixion*

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

<sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS

IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup>Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying,

“You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”

<sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup>“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup>In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

### *The Death of Jesus*

<sup>45</sup>From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup>About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup>Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”



## BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ † and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## HYMN

CW 590: *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark -  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All -



ness and light, You the day for work have  
run life's way, May we still, what - e'er be -  
when we die, May we in your might - y  
ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly



giv - en, For rest the night. May your  
fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
giv - en— Blest Three in One, Grant us



an - gel host de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet  
pow'r of e - vil hide us; In the nar -  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord,  
grace, we now im - plore you, Till we lay



your mer - cy send us, Ho - ly dreams and  
row path - way guide us; Nev - er be your  
do not for - sake us, But to reign in  
our crowns be - fore you And in wor - thier



hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
smile de - nied us, All through the day.  
glo - ry take us With you on high.  
strains a - dore you While a - ges run.

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