



## *Wednesday Lenten Service*

March 10, 2021

6:30 p.m.

### ***The Last Seven Words Of Jesus On His Way To The Cross***

#### Our Approach to God

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust." For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; God will cover you with God's pinions and under God's wings you will find refuge; God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

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The Call to Confession

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the place of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

The Prayer of Confession

Luke 4:4, 10

God our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation, we are swayed by false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. When we are too quick to abandon Christ on the cross. Like those disciples who feared for their lives, things great and small cause us to fear for us. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. (Silence) In Christ's name we pray.

The Assurance of Pardon

John 19:26

The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desire to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. "Woman here is your Son and to the disciples, Here is your mother." We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

#### The Word of God

The Gospel Reading

John 19:23-27

The Reflection

"Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother"

Pastor Philomena

The Closing Prayer:

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. You have done great things for us and Holy is your name. May we be lifted up through the pains of Jesus' last words to Mary and John and for us this Lenten season. Help us to see the two sides of your Son's passion, the love and suffering that Jesus reveals to us, models for us, calls us to live. Guide us in the ways we are to apply Jesus' words. Shine your light before us along the path we journey and lead us to honor and help others who have cared for us as parents and your children of faith. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who thought us to pray saying, "Our Father in heaven..." **Amen!**

The Hymn

*What Wonderful Love Is This, O My Soul*

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The Benediction

The Postlude

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## 597. Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all God's benefits.

## 85. What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And through eternity I'll sing on.