



*“Out of Ashes”*

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## Preservice Song: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Welcome

### Invocation & Call to Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted  
within me?

**Congregation: Hope in God; for we shall praise Him, our help and our God.**

### Opening Hymns:

#### *“Amazing Love”*

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted, you were condemned  
I'm alive and well, you're spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again

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Because you died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be  
that you my king would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you

Amazing love, how can it be  
that you my king would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you

Jesus, you are my king  
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Amazing love, how can it be  
that you my king would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you  
In all I do---o, I honor You  
In all I do---o, I honor You

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### *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace hath taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew

Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Author: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98  
Translator: Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96 (alt.)  
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Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745  
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## Old Testament

## Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 18:21-35 ESV

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

## Offering

### Sermon Hymn *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield, my portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
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**Message:** *“Out of Ashes”*

**Imposition of Ashes**  
*Pastor Tom Cizmar*



## Call To Confession

Pastor: Genuine repentance involves two things: the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new. The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to. Together, as Christ's body, we now confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God.

## Confession

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

**Congregation: According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity,

**Congregation: And cleanse me from my sin.**

Pastor: Surely You desire truth in the inner parts;

**Congregation: You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Congregation: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**Congregation: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers

Pastor: God of all seasons, in Your pattern of things there is a time for keeping and a time for losing, a time for building up and a time for pulling down. In this season of Lent as we journey to the cross, help us to discern in our lives what we must lay down and what we must take up, what we must end and what we must begin.

Give us grace to lead a disciplined life, in glad faithfulness and with the joy that comes from a closer walk with Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Preparation for The Lord's Table**

**Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper today by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ which is given in, with and under the bread and wine. In this meal, we receive the forgiveness of sins, the promise of life everlasting and the strength we need to live faithfully. We invite to the Lord's Table baptized believers who are truly repentant of sin and seek the grace in this meal, forgiving of one another as we have been forgiven, and gladly believe and confess the Real Presence of Christ in this meal. All people are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Participating in the meal is how the church proclaims the Lord's death, resurrection and imminent return. **Red wine** is used to best visually convey the blood of Christ. For personal or medical reasons, **white grape juice** is also available in the center of the trays.

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Communion Song:   *"Jesus Paid It All"***

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

O praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead  
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## **Blessing**

Pastor: God of compassion, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You reconciled Your people to Yourself. Following His example of prayer and fasting, may we obey You with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love through Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: “All My Hope Is in Jesus”**

I've been held by the Savior  
I've felt fire from above  
I've been down to the river  
And I ain't the same, a prodigal returned

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

I'm no stranger to the prison  
I've worn shackles and chains  
I've been freed and forgiven  
I'm not going back, I'll never be the same

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

There's a kind of thing that just breaks someone down  
breaks them down to their knees  
God, I've been broken more than a time or two  
Yes, Lord then You picked me up  
And showed me the way

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

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# Lent



## **Lenten Evening Services (Wednesday evenings) - Worship at 7:00 pm**

- **Palm Sunday, March 28th – 8:15 & 11:00 am**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm (Holy Communion)**
- **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm**
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00 am**  
(Children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (Holy Communion)**
  - **Sunrise Service 7:00 am outside!**
  - **Worship Services (Holy Communion) 8:15 am & 11:00 am**
  - **Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:30 am**
  - **Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**

