

**GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
for the  
**Glory of God**  
and the  
**Renewal of His People**

**Good Friday, March 25, 2016**



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

*Glorifying God...*

*Embracing Scripture...*

*Loving Corpus Christi...*

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

### **Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

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## WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

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*(\*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)*

### **\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalm 103:1-5, 19, 22

*Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!*

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits**

*Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases*

**Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy**

*Minister: Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Congregation: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
and His kingdom rules over all.**

*Minister: Bless the LORD, all His works,  
in all places of His dominion.*

**Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**\*SONG of ADORATION**

**Lead On, O King Eternal**

Words and Music by: Ernest W. Shurtleff and Henry Smart

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing  
nor roll of stirring drums  
but deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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*from Isaiah 53*

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**SILENT CONFESSION of SIN**

\*HYMN

**Nothing But the Blood of Jesus**

Words and Music: Robert Lowery

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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## EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

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### \*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Christ's Institution**

*Minister: Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.*

*All are invited to the table together whether eating and drinking or not. There are prayers on the back of the bulletin to assist you in praying, particularly if the Christian faith is new or unknown to you. Elders are also available to pray with all persons here.*

*Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine or juice, they may indicate clearly to the server by clasping their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.*

*If you are unable, physically, to proceed forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.*

**Serving of the Elements**      *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice in the inner)*

**\*SONG of RESPONSE**

**The Wonderful Cross**

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, and Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain 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

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O 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

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
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All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name

**\*BENEDICTION**

*from Philippians 4:7*

**Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning  
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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## *Prayers of Meditation*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – Amen.*

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

*Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – Amen.*

### **Prayer of Commitment**

*Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – Amen*