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With Purpose, on Purpose

As We Gather

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

PREPARATION

P We have come together to worship in response to our Lord's purposeful giving of Himself for us on the cross. In the first stanza of this hymn, we consecrate to His purpose every gift He imparts.

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service, Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship, Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose, Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion, Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles, Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens, Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom, May Your mercy know and live.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,
C **but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**
P David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,"
C **but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.**
P Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,
C **but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.**
P God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 115:11-13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
C **The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**
P He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
C **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!
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.
Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,
C **grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;**
P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 53:3–6*

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All 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.
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *Romans 5:1–11*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Mark 8:34b*

P If anyone would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Holy Gospel *Mark 8:27–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head, For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died, For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face, While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay, The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.
For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those near and dear to us, *[especially . . .]*, that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy, Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion, That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in, Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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