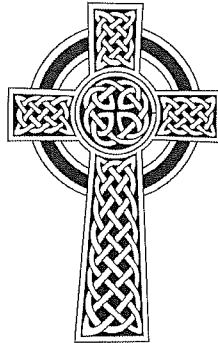


Lenten Service ~ March 9, 2016  
The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island



**Call to Worship**

Leader: Out of the depths I have cried to you.  
People: **O Lord, hear my voice.**  
Leader: With my whole heart I want to praise you.  
People: **O Lord, hear my voice.**  
Leader: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:  
People: **Who could stand? Who could stand?**  
ALL: **I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His Word do I hope.**

**Opening Prayer**

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. You gather us from east and west, from north and south, from beyond and to come, in one church, anointed by Christ, to serve you. Enable us to trust in you, and thus see your glory. Help us to hear our calling, both corporately and individually, and to respond in love, as Christ has responded to us. Amen.

Hymn #92

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

St. Christopher

God's Word to Us

Acts 6:1-6

Journey to the Cross:  
The Celtic Cross

Responsive Psalter of Confession and Penitence

Psalm 6

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,  
or discipline me in your wrath.  
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;  
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

My soul is also struck with terror,  
**while you, O Lord – how long?**  
Turn, O Lord, save my life;  
**deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.**  
For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
**in Sheol who can give you praise?**  
I am weary with my moaning;  
**every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with weeping.**  
My eyes waste away because of grief;  
**they grow weak because of all my foes.**  
Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
**for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.**  
The Lord has heard my supplication;  
**the Lord accepts my prayer.**  
All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;  
**they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.**

*(In unison)* **Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin: Receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for the things of the moment. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command: through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hear us as we pray silently, that you may draw us close and change us to become like Christ...  
*(Silence is kept)*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead will also give you life. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction and Blessing for the Meal**