

Lenten Service
March 12, 2014

Sentences of Scripture

(See 2 Cor. 6:2; Ps. 85:4; 80:3; 51:17)

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
Now is the day of salvation.
Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
That the light of your face may shine on us.
May your justice shine like the sun;
And may the poor be lifted up.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit.

Hymn 98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Psalm 51:1, 9-12 NRSV

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ... 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be To God.

Meditation **Take Up Your Cross**

Litany For Lent

O Christ,
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace...
...you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,...
...and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death,...
...our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,
hope of all who die for you,
and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Eternal God,
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,...
...and rose again for us,
Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Hymn 84

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

Closing Prayer and Table Blessing