

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Lord's Supper

Sent by God

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(Words and Music by Edward Mote and William B. Bradbury)

My hope is built on nothing less; than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

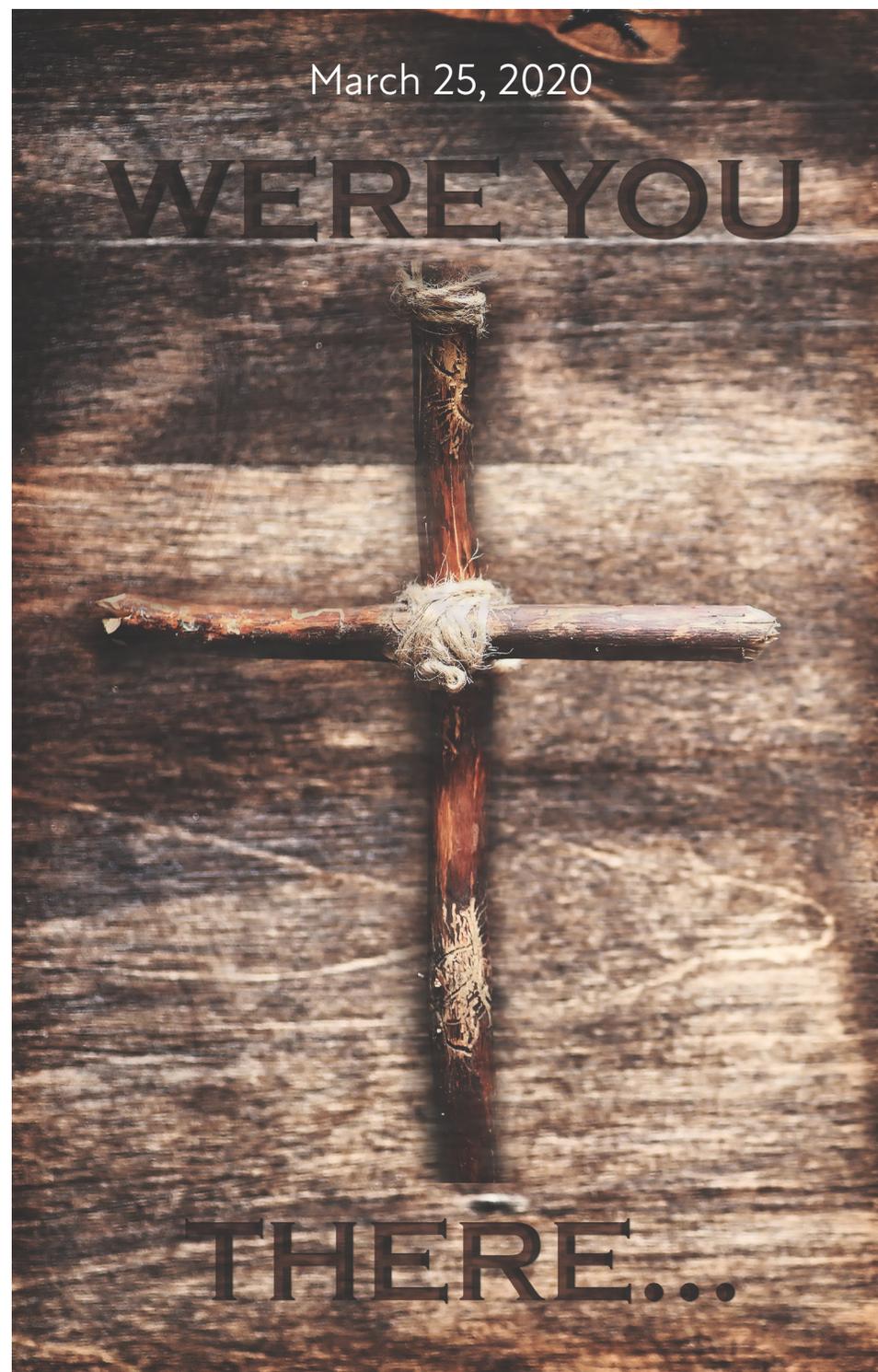
Blessing and Charge

May God, who by his power raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, hold
you in his love, surround you with his presence, give you grace for every need,
and present you whole and holy in the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Gathered by God

Welcome

Call to Worship

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,
every year at Easter,
during the time of the “Christian Passover,”
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to practice with discipline daily repentance,
our daily dying and rising in union with Christ.
We begin this season
by acknowledging our need for repentance
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It Is Well with My Soul

(Words and Music by Horatio G. Spafford and Philip P. Bliss)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say, it is well,
It is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul*

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
And I bear it no more; praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend, “Even so” it is well with my soul.

Prayer of Adoration: The 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Renewed by God through Grace

Confession of Sin: Psalm 6:1-7

¹O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. ²Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. ³My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

⁴Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. ⁵For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

⁶I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

Declaration of Grace: Psalm 6:9

⁹The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

The Doxology *(Words: Thomas Ken, 1709 / Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Set Apart

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 2

¹Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ³“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Homily

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,

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