

**The Jesus Tree- Lenten Season Emphasis- His Cross
Third Mid-week Lenten Service March 3, 2021
Purple Robe**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" 422

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
Let the riches, cares and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hopes foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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The Jesus' Tree Litany:

P: The Jesus Tree- Salvation's Tree **C: The tree was found on "Calvary!"**

P: The Jesus Tree-- Salvation's Tree **C: The Place of the Skull was where He'd be**

P: The Cross was used by God above! **C: As His means of His divine love!**

P: He humbly paid the price for sin **C: He shed His blood- from grace with-in.**

P: The sin of all was placed on Him **C: He brought new life of hope for them.**

P: The Lord was nailed and suffered pain **C: He alone could endure this for our gain.**

P: The Jesus Tree- Salvation's Tree **C: The place He died for you and me!**

The Psalmody: Psalm 116: 1-7

P: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; **C: He heard my cry for mercy.**

P: Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him a long as I live. **C: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me;**

P: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. **C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, save me!"**

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous; **C: Our God is full of compassion.**

P: The Lord protects the simplehearted; **C: When I was in great need, He saved me.**

P: Be at rest once more, O my soul, **C: For the Lord has been good to you.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

Jesus Tree Collect: (Let us pray together) Holy Father, You gave Your Son to walk the path, He came to take the Father's wrath, He shed His blood, He endured the hate, to bring to all a blessed fate, lead us Lord to always see, the eternal hope given by Thee, provide us Lord the faith to share, the message of how much You care; we ask this for the One who came, Your Son our Lord, Jesus is His name! Amen!

Reading Five: Mark 15: 16-20

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on Him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on Him. And they began to call out to Him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck Him on the head with a staff and spit on Him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to Him, and when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple robe and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led Him out to crucify Him.

Recitation:

He spread His arms upon the Tree
To take the sins of you and me
He took the sins, He took them all
To pay the price for all who fall.

Song: The Jesus Tree- Salvation Tree- The Cross – (tune 475) (The Purple Robe)

The Jesus Tree Salvation Tree Has brought new life to you and me
He gave His life for all to see; He is the Lord, He is the Christ, He saved us all!

Jesus was hung upon the cross His hands were nailed His blood was lost
He suffered pain and paid the cost: He is the Lord, He is the Christ, He saved us all!

Children's Sermon- “Jesus Tree” “Purple Robe”

Hymn: “Glory Be to Jesus” 433 vs. 1,2

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 62: 1- 4

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Desolated, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married.

Gospel Lesson: John 4: 46 - 54

Once more He visited Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to Him and begged Him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live."

The man took Jesus at His word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."

Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

Sermon Hymn: "Glory be to Jesus" 433 vs. 3,4,6

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Sermon**Prayers**

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 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.*

Closing Hymn: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy 434 vs. 1,2

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

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Closing Litany:

P: The Jesus Tree, Salvation's Tree	C: <i>Was chosen by God for all to see!</i>
P: The Jesus Tree, Salvation's Tree	C: <i>The only Hope there can ever be!</i>
P: The Jesus Tree, Salvation's Tree	C: <i>God's Holy gift which He made free!</i>
P: The Cross of Christ, the Father's gift	C: <i>The tree of life, death was dismissed.</i>

Closing Collect: *Eternal Lord, You gave Your Son to set us free from our sins by allowing Him to shed His blood and die on the Tree, lead us Lord to place our hope, in what He's done to bring us grace, guide us in Your loving care so we can remain strong and true to Your Cross and Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.*

Benediction

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