

*"You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God."*

## Church in the Forest

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## PRELUDE

*We respectfully request that you withhold conversation during the prelude and silence your cell phones*

*On this day the ministers enter in silence. All then sit or kneel for silent prayer.*

Minister: Blessed be our God.

**People: For ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and was given into the hands of sinners, and suffered death upon the cross, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Hebrews 10:1-18*

Sherry St. Clair

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 4: 1-8

*Responsively*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 27, 2016

9:30 & 11:00 AM

*(Identical — Music Prelude twenty minutes prior)*

|   |                                 |                     |               |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>                 | The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland |                     |               |
| <b>Assistant Minister and Bible Study</b> | The Rev. Ken Feske              |                     |               |
| <b>Music Director</b>                     | Melinda Coffey Armstead         |                     |               |
| <b>Office Administration</b>              | Sherry St. Clair                | <b>Publications</b> | Mary Wiltse   |
| <b>Lector</b>                             | Sherry St. Clair                | <b>Crucifer</b>     | Judy Fletcher |
| <b>Altar Care</b>                         | Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice    |                     |               |

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**Glory 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.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John 18:1-11*

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

#### THE HOMILY

“TGFGF”

the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

*Please stand for the hymn*

Isaac Watts, 1707

Harm. Edward Miller, 1790

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the  
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*Please be seated*

#### THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Minister: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world;  
For its unity in witness and service  
For all leaders and the people whom they serve  
For all Christians in this community  
For those recently baptized  
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority, among them;  
Mr. Obama, the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good  
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;  
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger  
That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who have not yet received the Gospel of Christ;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others  
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

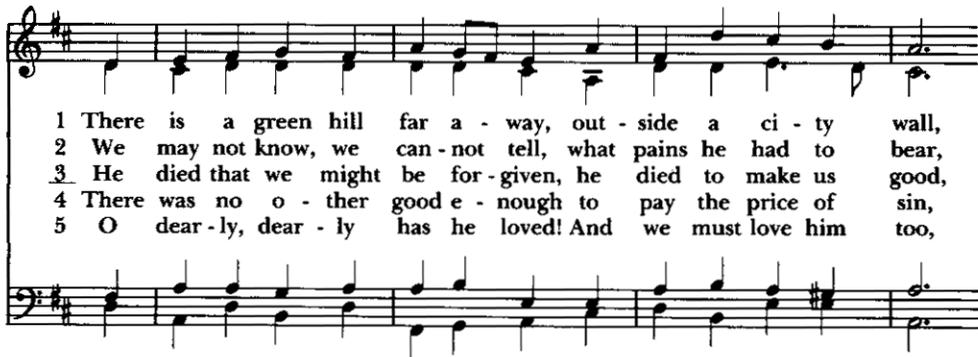
Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of all souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

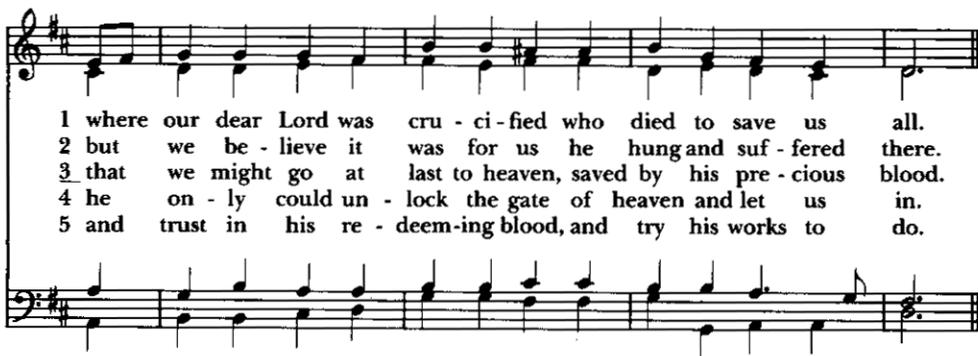
*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the final hymn*



1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,  
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,  
3 He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,  
4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,  
5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,



1 where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.  
2 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
3 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.  
4 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.  
5 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Minister: Go in silence in the knowledge and love of God and serve the Lord with gladness.