



THE MARK OF ABANDONMENT

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Welcome to Worship! Have you experienced the feeling of being cut off from someone you love? Cast aside by someone you thought would always be there for you? Abandoned by heaven just when your life seemed to be descending into hell? Then you know what it feels like to be forsaken. Jesus suffered on the cross the abandonment of His Father because of our sin. He bore that awful mark so that we could be assured that our God will never, ever abandon us but will be with us always as He promised!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

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THE PRELUDE: "There Jesus Hung Upon the Cross" – S. Scheidt

THE HYMN: "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

Hymn 428

- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
- 2 Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.
- 3 O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!
- 4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

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THE RESPONSES: Page 229

Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glory be 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our salvation.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 30:10-24

Then fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with you to save you, declares the LORD; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished. For thus says the LORD: Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous. There is none to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you. All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy, the punishment of a merciless foe, because your

guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant. Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant, I have done these things to you. Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured, and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey. For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the LORD, because they have called you an outcast. "It is Zion, for whom no one cares!" Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be. Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be small. Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them. Their prince shall be one of themselves; their ruler shall come out from their midst; I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me? declares the LORD. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God." Behold the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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THE GOSPEL: Mark 15: 21-39

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved

others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT: Page 231

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

THE HYMN: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Hymn 437

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

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THE SERMON: "The Mark of Abandonment"

THE KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, COLLECTS, BENEDICTION Page 233-234

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow"

Hymn 880

- 1 Now rest beneath night's shadow The woodland, field, and meadow;
The world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaking
And prayer and music making, Let praise to your Creator rise.
- 2 The radiant sun has vanished, Its golden rays are banished
From dark'ning skies of night; But Christ, the Sun of gladness,
Dispelling all our sadness, Shines down on us in warmest light.
- 3 Now all the heav'nly splendor Breaks forth in starlight tender
From myriad worlds unknown; And we, this marvel seeing,
Forget our selfish being For joy of beauty not our own.
- 4 Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me
And shield me from alarm. Though Satan would devour me,
Let angel guards sing o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
- 5 My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely
From peril guard your heads. Sweet slumbers may He send you
And bid His hosts attend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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THE POSTLUDE: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" – K Hildebrand

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Pastor Blumenberg and Vicar Fredstrom

Lector: Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

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3-28 Palm Sunday-- The Mark of HUMILITY

4-1 Maundy Thursday The Mark of SERVICE
Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar

4-2 Good Friday-- The Mark of BLOOD
Noontime, 12:15; Children 4:30; Tenebrae 7:30

4-4 Easter--The Mark of LIFE! Sunday 6:30, 9, 11:15; Monday at 7

Lenten items for children and other devotions for Lent are available in the Narthex and Atrium.

