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Third Sunday



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Opening Prayer

Our Heart's Cry

Leader: Yes it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” (*Isaiah 53:10; John 10:10; 1 Peter 2:23-24*)

People: Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” – The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. – When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb (*Luke 23:46-47; John 10:17; Mark 16:1-2*)

Leader: But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. “Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” – For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (*Mark 16:4-7; 1 Peter 2:25*)

People: Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD: “The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.”. – Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (*Psalms 102:18-20; 1 Peter 1:3*)

ALL: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (*2 Timothy 1:7*)

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