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Mid-week Lenten Service

March 25, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: Instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: You came to unbind the chains of every slavery, O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

P: We worship you, Lord.

*HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

R241/Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ALL: God of all hope, we gather today so deeply aware of the world's grief and pain—and our own. Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 130 & 143

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [Silent Reflection]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." In Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION: "Waiting for Redemption"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

R128/Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Mighty God, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. In his name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

*Postlude

Psalm 130: Waiting for Divine Redemption: A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Psalm 143: Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies (David)

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;
answer me in your righteousness.

² Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds,
I meditate on the works of your hands.

⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched
land. Selah

Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me,
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸ Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Save me, O LORD, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

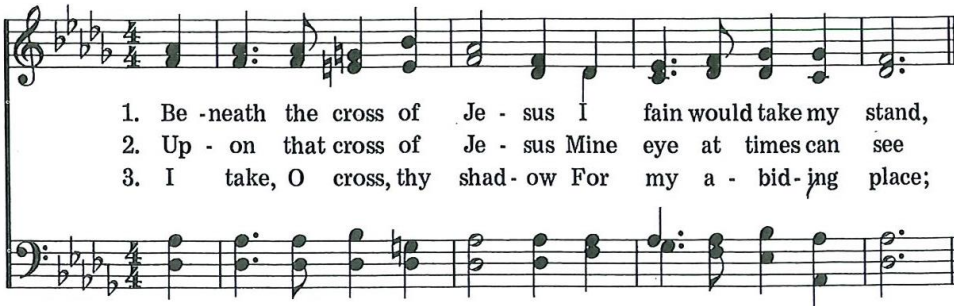
For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life.

In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

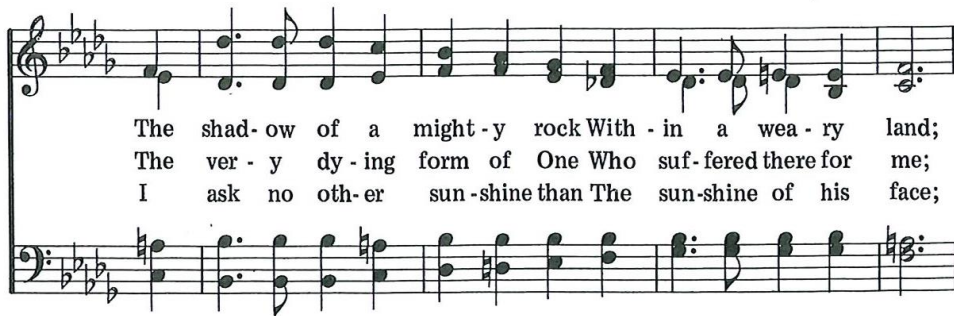
¹² In your steadfast love cut off my enemies,
and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

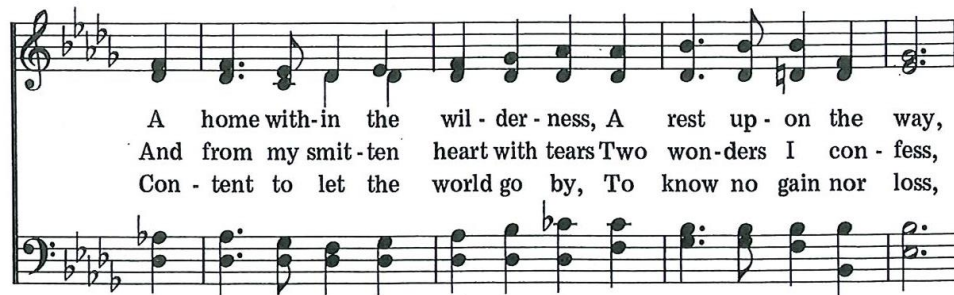
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*Elizabeth Clephane, 1872**Frederick C. Maker, 1881*


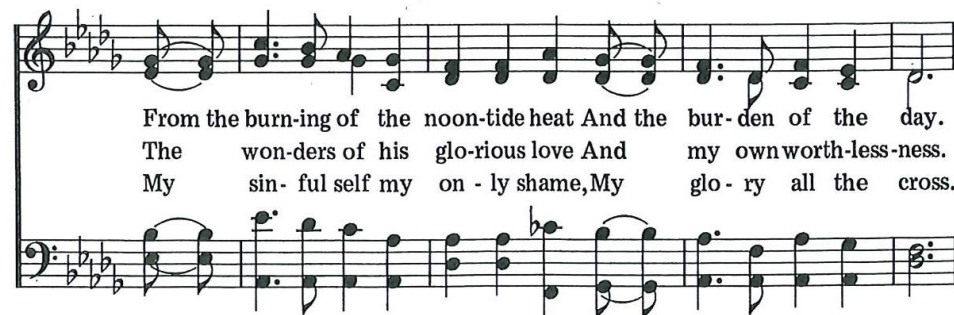
1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - ered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;



A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess,
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,

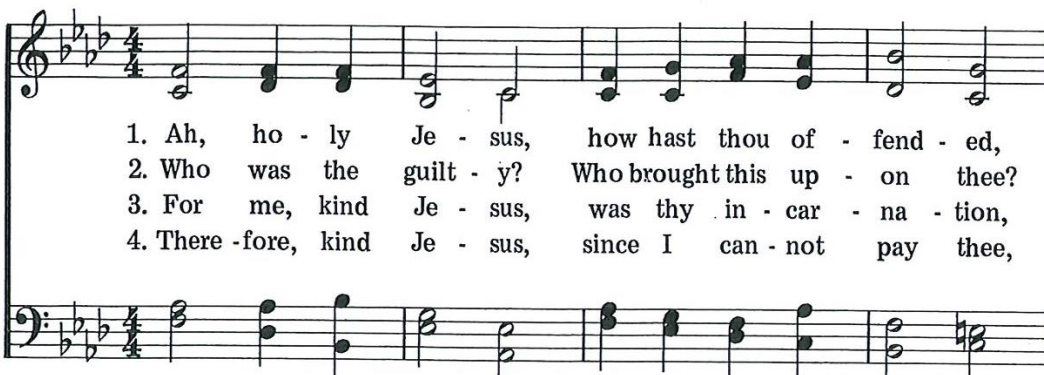


From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of his glo - rious love And my own worth - less - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

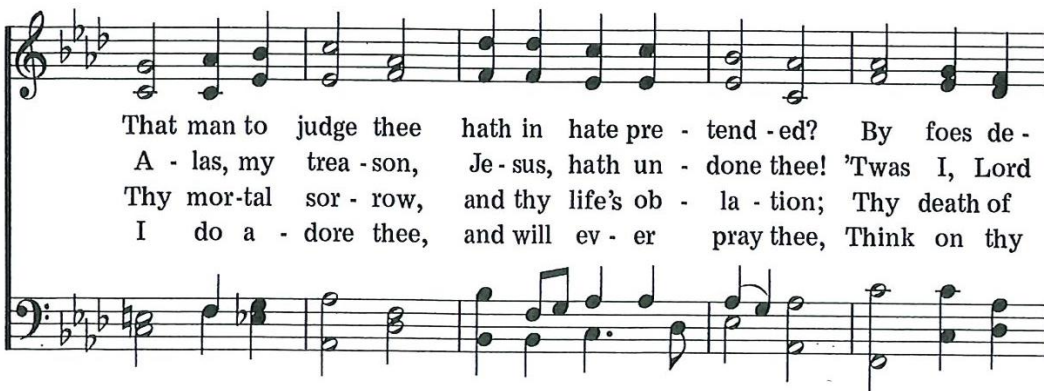
* Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Johann Heermann, 1630
Tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1899

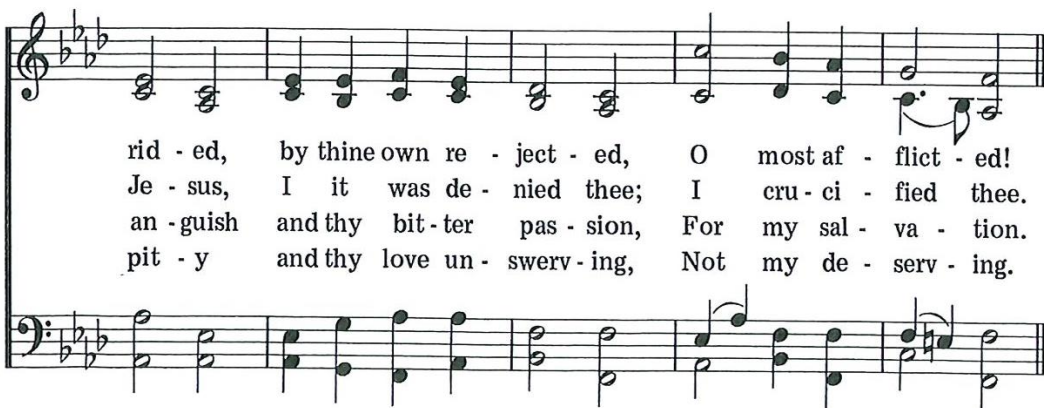
HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5.
Johann Crüger, 1640



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,
4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



That man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, Think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing.