

**Condit Presbyterian Church**  
**March 22, 2020**  
**Lent – Entering the Passion of Jesus**

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Welcome! We're glad you're here.
  - At this time, you might want to gather your Bible, and maybe even a candle and some matches.
  - For Lent We are using 2 sources:
    - The Book - *Entering the Passion of Jesus; A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine
    - And materials from [worshipdesignstudio.com](http://worshipdesignstudio.com)
  - Other activities this week are posted on website under "Worship at Home" tab, and "online opportunities."
    - Tuesday noon- "Kids' Lunch with Rev. Annie" on Zoom
    - Wednesday 7pm – "Prayer Meeting" on Zoom
    - Thursday noon – "Lunch with Rev. Annie" for adults on Zoom
    - Each week we will have a Weekly Music Meditation with our Director of Music, Adam Garner.
  - Let's prepare our hearts for worship.
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**Lighting of the Candles**

**Call to Worship**

*Pastor:* We continue on our journey through Lent as we step inside a story full of difficult moments.

Besides the Last Supper, Holy Week contains another important story that happens at dinner. Earlier in the week, Jesus and his followers gather for a meal, and a woman shows up unexpectedly to anoint Jesus in an extravagant show of devotion. To say she caused quite a "stir" might be understating it a bit. We imagine ourselves in the room and we see the looks of judgment and even outrage on the faces around us. Are we ourselves moved by her generosity and outpouring of emotion? Or are we uncomfortable as Jesus refers to his own death? Does our complaining or anger really serve to hide our own fear? Jesus invites us to tell this story "in remembrance of her." What uncomfortable stories are we called to tell in our time?

**Hymn #507**

**Come to the Table of Grace**

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**LITANY OF CONFESSION and Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**People:** *It is so hard to not be afraid.  
Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate,  
and more judgmental.  
We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back,  
unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love.  
Forgive us, O God.*

*Encourage us to extravagant acts of love,  
especially when we are frightened.  
You entered our story through Jesus,  
now help us to enter fully into the story  
of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

**Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you.

**Children's Story**

Jesus and Zacchaeus

*Song: Go Now In Peace*

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**New Testament Scripture Reading**

**Mark 14:3-9 (NRSV)**

<sup>3</sup> While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup> But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

**Response**

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

**The First Dinner: Risking Rejection**

**Hymn #630** Fairest Lord Jesus

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us. At this time, take a moment to offer yourself to the Lord. *(Some ways to give: You could make a plan for how you will serve the Lord and the church this week such as prayer, encouraging others, etc. You could write a check and put it in an envelope to mail to the church at this time or make an online donation.)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*You may send your prayer requests by FB Messenger, email or text me.*

We remember today the extravagant love shown to Jesus

and his invitation to remember this woman through our actions of loving others.

For when we experience the valley of the shadow of death,  
we are called to be with one another.

We remember today those who tend to the sick and dying—  
caregivers, medical professionals, hospice workers  
and humanitarians who risk leaving home and  
even enter dangerous places to help others.

For your Church in every place,  
that we may worship and serve you faithfully . . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

For leaders and people in every land,  
that they may know your way and do your will . . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

For justice throughout the world,  
that there may be peace and plenty for all . . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

For the earth you have made,  
that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory. . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

For all those who hunger and thirst,  
that they may be filled with good things . . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill or close to death,  
that they may know your loving care . . .

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Receive all these prayers, O God,  
in the tenderness of your mighty hand,  
and strengthen our hands to serve you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Charge and Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Extinguish the candles.**

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# 18 Come to the Table of Grace

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Chords: F, C7, F, F7/C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

Chords: Bb, C, F, C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

Chords: F, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bdim7

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Chords: F/C, C7, F

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

\*Additional stanzas:  
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

Suggested use: communion

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TABLE OF GRACE

# DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS

Canon

1. 2.

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

3.

God sur - round you ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where

4. Coda (ad lib.)

you may go. Go now in peace, go now in peace.

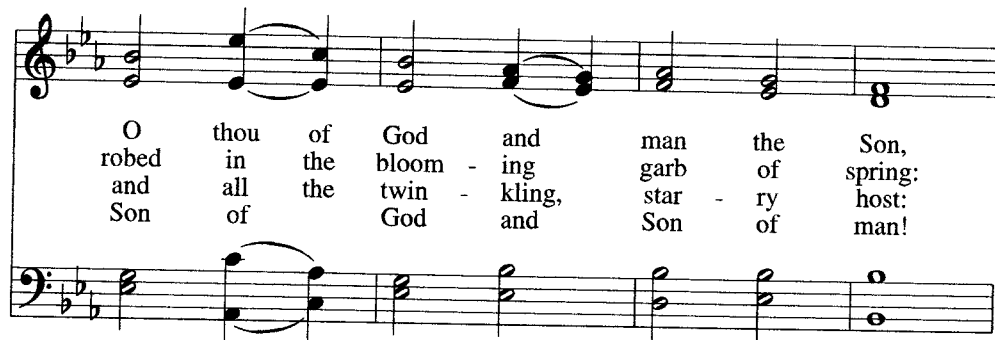
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## Fairest Lord Jesus

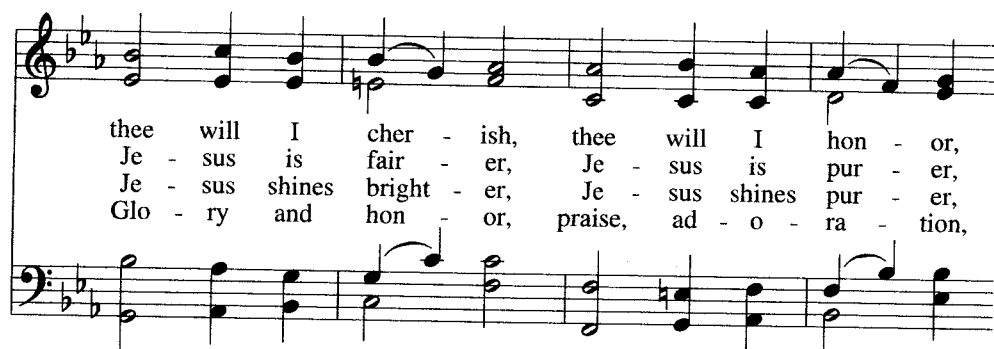
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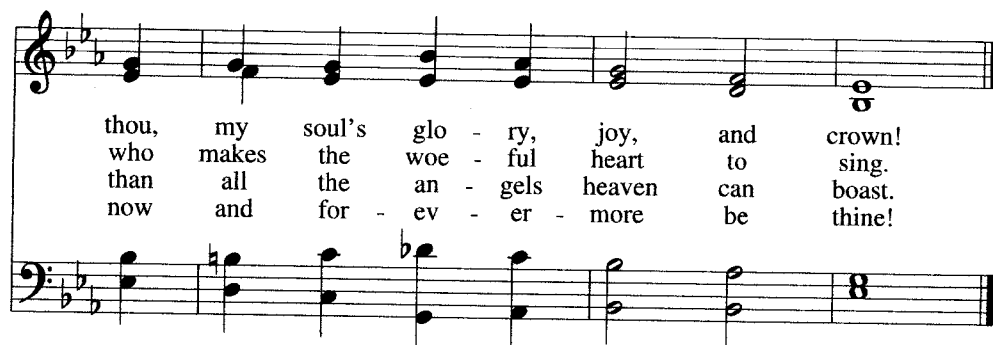
1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



O thou of God and man the Son,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:  
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host:  
 Son of God and Son of man!



thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!  
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

WORDS: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677  
 MUSIC: Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

CRUSADER'S HYMN  
 5.6.8.5.5.8.