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SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Good Friday Service* *April 2, 2010*



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

**People: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

HYMN

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And with you also.**

CONFESSION

Leader: Most holy God, a cry goes up from your people: “Our God must have compassion!”

**People: For our sin condemns us. Sheer force of will cannot redeem.**

Leader: Most holy God, a cry goes up from your people: “Our God must have compassion!”

**People: For we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. And while we are not aware of many sins, quite shamefully, we often DO know what we are doing in offense to you.**

Leader: Most holy God, a cry goes up from your people: “Our God must have compassion!”

**People: For it is our sin that has put your Son upon the cross. But it is your love that held him there.**

Leader: “Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” *(Matthew 9:35-36)*

**People: Our Lord has shown compassion.**

Leader: “Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.’” *(Matthew 15:32)*

**People: Compassion is a hallmark of our God’s reign.**

Leader: “A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, ‘If you choose, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I do choose. Be made clean!’” *(Mark 1:40-41)*

**People: Touch us, we pray, with your healing love.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST READING

Jonah 4:3-11

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23

HYMN

*“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended ”*

READER’S HOMILY

*The Sign Of Jonah: “The Answer!”*

PRAYERS

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, compassion was the hallmark of your ministry.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You talked publicly to the downtrodden.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You welcomed the disregarded—inviting women into your company and children into your lap.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You opened eyes long blind and ears long shut.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You sent the lame springing away.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You freed demon-ridden souls.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You touched lepers illegally.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: You fed the hungry multitudes.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: And when blood was required as payment for sin, you offered your holy and precious blood to take away the sin of the world.

**People: Guide us in the paths of your compassion.**

Leader: As we gather at your cross, O Christ, we see your love made plainly known.

**People: We take up our crosses. We follow. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

*“Abide With Me”*