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...And the Sin that Led Them Astray

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Opening Hymn, 420: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" v. 4,

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee, All disgrace Thou, Lord, has borne.
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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Invocation

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Leader: "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,

Response: 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." (Hebrews 12:1-2, ESV)

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (based on Psalm 103, ESV)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Response: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Response: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(A time of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Response: I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to eternal life. Amen.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Psalm Response (from Psalm 103, ESV)

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Response: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Response: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day, 437: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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 mighty 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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Bible Study Questions:

1. Read Exodus 2:11-12. Explain the "good" and the "bad" side of Moses' attempt to execute justice. To best answer this question, also read Acts 7:34-25 and Hebrews 11:24-26.
2. The next day, when Moses went to help his people, he quickly learned that they did not share his belief that God was beginning to deliver them. Read Acts 7:25-28. What is the parallel Stephen draws between Jesus and Moses?
3. Agree or disagree: Moses' goal was to free a mistreated slave people and see justice done.
4. Have you ever thought that God was going to use you to do something for him, but you found out later that you were mistaken? How did your situation turn out?

Prayer for Responsible Citizenship

Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is 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.

Lenten Response

Leader: Return to the Lord your God,

Response: **For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.**
(Joel 2:13b)

Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

Response: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, 423: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" vv. 1-3

1. Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow.
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn encircled brow?
Yet You sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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