***Mid-week Lenten Service***

**6th Wednesday of Lent April 6, 2022**

**Greeting** *1 Peter 1*

 *So prepare your minds for service. With complete self-control put all your hope in the grace*

 *that will be yours when Jesus Christ comes. In the past you did not have the understanding*

 *you have now, so you did the evil things you wanted to do. But now you are children of God,*

 *so you should obey him and not live the way you did before. Be holy in everything you do,*

 *just as God is holy. He is the one who chose you. In the Scriptures God says, “Be holy,*

 *because I am holy.”*

**Hymn** *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

 Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

 Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
 By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

 Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

 Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control.
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**Prayer of Confession**

 **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,**

 **by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

 **with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

 **We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,**

 **have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,**

 **to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

**Hymn of Thanks** *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”*

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?

What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

**Psalter** *Psalm 133*

 How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!

 It is like the precious anointing oil running down from Aaron's head and beard,

 down to the collar of his robes. It is like the dew on Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion.

 That is where the Lord has promised his blessing—life that never ends.

**Chorus** *“Father, Make Us One”*

Father, make us one. Father, make us one.

That the world may know You have sent Your Son.

Father, make us one.

**Gospel Lesson** *St. John 17:20-26*

 [Jesus continued to pray] “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me

 because of their word. **21**I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

 I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. **22**I’ve given them

 the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. **23**I’m in them and you are in me

 so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me

 and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

 **24**“Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory,

 which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

 **25**“Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know

 that you sent me. **26**I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known

 so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

**Reflections**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock
 within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
 from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

 Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One
 who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
 the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than
 the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Benediction**

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*We are glad that you are with us tonight.*

*Please be reminded that we will gather next Thursday (4/14) evening at Frankford Memorial*

*for a light soup supper and a Maundy Thursday service, with Holy Communion at 6:30 PM.*

*We will then gather at Crescentville the next day (4/15) at 7 PM for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service.*

*We hope that you will join us!*