

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Jesus Paid It All”

Margaret Cox
Pianist

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITING WORDS TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

On this fourth Sunday in Lent we come to praise the Lord together.

Some of us are tired. Some of us are full of energy. All of us can praise the name of the Lord together.

On this Fourth Sunday in Lent we come to praise the Lord together.

Some of us are filled with peace. Some of us are consumed with worry. All of us can praise the name of the Lord together.

On this Fourth Sunday in Lent we come to praise the Lord together.

Some of us have much. Some of us have little. All of us can praise the name of the Lord together.

On this fourth Sunday in Lent we come to praise the Lord together.

Embrace us, Lord, great is your faithfulness. We are here to praise your name together.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn 86
Verses 1 & 2

*INVITING PRAYER

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

EXTINGUISHING THE FOURTH LENTEN CANDLE

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Sarah Draper
Elder

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:35-43 (NT p. 82)

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

SERMON

*“The Greek Cross
The Cross of Healing”*

Rev. Edd Spencer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymn 200
Verses 1-3

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes,

Offerings

Offertory

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus”

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Margaret Cox
Pianist
Hymn 48

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

Sarah Draper
Elder

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, “Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you.”

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please partake of communion together when the pastor says “take eat and take drink”

SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

*CLOSING HYMN

“Are Ye Able, Said the Master”

Hymn 621
Verses 1, 2 & 4

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Margaret Cox
Pianist

*Congregation standing – as able or willing

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today at Valley Christian Church. We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon. Please join us in the parlor after the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Life in the Valley

Sunday, Mar 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent – The Greek Cross 12:00pm Board Meeting
Monday, Mar 20	Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Mar 21	8:00am Manna Market Sale 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Mar 22	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 9:00am AAA Event – NOAA Oceanographic (Calera)
Thursday, Mar 23	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
Friday, Mar 24	8:00am ESQG Piecemakers (Fellowship) 9:00am New Horizons (Sanctuary)
Saturday, Mar 25	8:00am ESQG Piecemakers (Fellowship)
Sunday, Mar 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent – The Jerusalem Cross Distribute Holy Week Booklets

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

Today's Servers

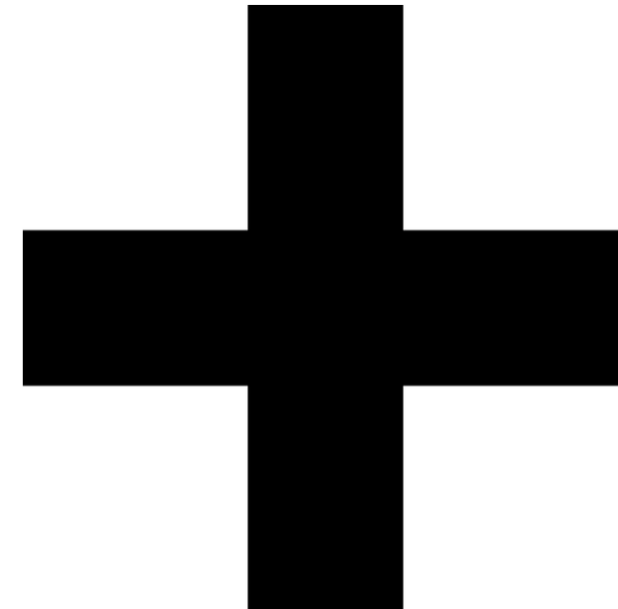
WORSHIP LEADER: Peggi Zinser ELDER: Sarah Draper DEACONS/GREETER: Team 2 –
Captain: Peggi Zinser Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider
OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Peggi Zinser COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Carolyn Nunnelly

Valley Christian Church

The Lenten Crosses Sermon Series

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023



The Greek Cross

The Greek cross is characterized by having four arms of equal length, possibly reflecting the Greek love of symmetry in artistic forms. This cross is a sign of healing and mercy and is the symbol of the Red Cross. As an international sign of mercy and care for the sick and needy, the Greek cross appears on hospitals and ambulances throughout the world. We have all noticed it on the hospital ships Mercy and Comfort that are helping with the Coronavirus. The cross is most fitting because during His ministry, Jesus spent much time with the sick and needy.