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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 A.M. April 3, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: # 191 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

 *(vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Lord, we come to your presence with grateful hearts. We cannot thank you enough for what Jesus did on our behalf to save us from the bondage of sin and death. He was rejected for our sake so that we may be accepted in your side. He gave all of him for us so that we may have all of you in our lives. We pray that we will never forget your wondrous love that you showed us by coming to our rescue. We are now free in you and are called your children. We want to praise you all the days of our lives. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**\*RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 22:1-19*

**PASTOR:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

**PEOPLE: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.**

**PASTOR:** Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

**PEOPLE: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.**

**PASTOR:** They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

**PEOPLE:** **But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.**

**PASTOR:** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

**PEOPLE: “He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**

**PASTOR:** Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.

**PEOPLE: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**

**PASTOR:** Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**PEOPLE: Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.**

**PASTOR:** Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

**PEOPLE: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.**

**PASTOR:** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

**PEOPLE:** **Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.**

**PASTOR:** I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

**PEOPLE:** **They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.**

**UNISON: But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** *Sourp Adsvadz*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#16 “You Are my King”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Mark 12:1-12 (pp. 1574-75) Isaiah 5:1-7 (pp.1065-66)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Rejected Son**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Luke 9:22-26 (p. 1609)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Cost of Following Jesus**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING LIFETIME DEACON, MR. DAVID TERZIBASHIAN,** who will be delivering the English Sermon**.**

**THE COFFEE HOUR** today is sponsored by Mr. Tony Janigian in honor of Chuckie Sarkissian’s birthday, and in memory of Eli and Zevart, and Anna Grace Sarkissian.

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH IS PALM SUNDAY** the commemoration of our Lord’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 P.M. we will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth through a special worship service that will include special music by the ACC Choir, and celebration of the Lord’s Table.

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH** we invite all our members and friends to the Easter Morning Worship Service.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, our government and the pandemic.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Coffee Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

It must have been so hard to foresee his own destiny of rejection and share it with his disciples. No one likes to be rejected, but that is exactly what happened with Jesus. He predicted his own death and made sure his disciples understood his mission.

**Here are three points about the mission of Jesus:**

1. **Jesus knew he was going to suffer and die:** Knowing your own destiny is going to end up with rejection, insult, and then death on a cross is not something you take lightly. Jesus had to embrace the evil hand of mankind who plotted to kill and rid of him. With submission and humility comes glory. And that is what Jesus received after sacrificing himself for, God the Father exalted him to the highest heavens.

2. **Jesus calls his disciples to follow his footsteps:** After predicting his suffering and death, he reminds the disciples the cost of following him. He tells them they must deny themselves and carry their own cross and follow up. This is no easy call for the disciples (or for us, for that matter). The good news is that Jesus promises to be with us to help us carry our cross to Calvary and unto victory.