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TRUSTING

A LITANY FOR THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

P Jesus' atoning work on the cross was finished. He fulfilled all that the Scriptures had said of him. Having accomplished his Father's will, Jesus committed his spirit into his Father's care and bowed his head in death.

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

P We often become anxious about many things, failing to trust our heavenly Father.

C **Forgive us, Lord, and lead us to trust in your Word and your will for us.**

P Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C **You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.** (Psalm 31:5)

P Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

C **And having said this he breathed his last.** (Luke 23:46)

P He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

C **When he was reviled, he did not revile in return;**

P When he suffered, he did not threaten,

C **But continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.** (1 Peter 2:22-23)

P Lord Jesus, you entrusted yourself into your Father's hands. Help us to grow in faith and in confidence in your loving care.

C **As we trust in you for our eternal salvation, help us to trust in you now each day.**

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bible Readings for the Sixth Week of Lent

Sunday.....	Psalm 31:1-8
Monday.....	Proverbs 3:5-6
Tuesday.....	Isaiah 26:3-4
Wednesday.....	Psalm 13
Thursday.....	1 Peter 2:22-25
Friday.....	Philippians 2:5-11
Saturday.....	Psalm 56

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS THE LESSON Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, "saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

"They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. "Some people standing around said to them, "What are you

doing, untying the colt?" "They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. "They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. "Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. "Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! "Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" "Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"

¹⁹Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the LORD!

²⁰**This is the LORD's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.**

²¹I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

²²**The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!**

²³This has happened because of the LORD; it is astounding in our sight!

²⁴**This is the day the LORD acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

²⁵LORD, please save us! LORD, please let us succeed!

²⁶The one who enters in the LORD's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the LORD's house.

²⁷The LORD is God! He has shined a light on us! So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God—I will lift you up high! ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The LORD God gave me an educated tongue to know how to respond to the weary with a word that will awaken them in the morning. God awakens my ear in the morning to listen, as educated people do. ⁵The LORD God opened my ear; I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back. ⁶Instead, I gave my body to attackers, and my cheeks to beard

pluckers. I didn't hide my face from insults and spitting. ⁷The LORD God will help me; therefore, I haven't been insulted. Therefore, I set my face like flint, and knew I wouldn't be ashamed. ⁸The one who will declare me innocent is near. Who will argue with me? Let's stand up together. Who will bring judgment against me? Let him approach me. ⁹Look! The LORD God will help me. Who will condemn me?

THE RESPONSE Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, LORD, because I'm depressed. My vision fails because of my grief, as do my spirit and my body.

¹⁰My life is consumed with sadness; my years are consumed with groaning. Strength fails me because of my suffering; my bones dry up.

¹¹I'm a joke to all my enemies, still worse to my neighbors. I scare my friends, and whoever sees me in the street, runs away!

¹²I am forgotten, like I'm dead, completely out of mind; I am like a piece of pottery, destroyed.

¹³Yes, I've heard all the gossiping, terror all around; so many gang up together against me, they plan to take my life!

¹⁴But me? I trust you, LORD! I affirm, "You are my God."

¹⁵My future is in your hands. Don't hand me over to my enemies, to all who are out to get me!

¹⁶Shine your face on your servant; save me by your faithful love!

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: ⁶Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. ⁷But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, ⁸he humbled himself by

becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL Mark 14:1-15:47

It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ²But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people.

³Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume? ⁵This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. ⁷You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. ⁸She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. ⁹I tell you the truth that, wherever

in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

¹⁰Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

¹³He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?"

¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." ¹⁶The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."