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Hymn—102 "Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains"

Invocation and Confession of Sins (p. 26)

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First Lesson—Genesis 37:1-11 "Joseph's Brothers Hate Him"

¹ Jacob lived in the land where his father had resided as an alien, that is, in the land of Canaan. ²This is account about the development of the family of Jacob: When Joseph was seventeen years old, he was tending the flock with his brothers. He was just a boy compared to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons, because he was the son born in his old age, and he made him a special robe. ⁴His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, so they hated him and could not speak to him in a friendly way. ⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers, so they hated him all the more. ⁶He said to them, "Please listen to this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field, and suddenly my sheaf rose up and stood upright. Then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "So will you really reign over us? Will you really have dominion over us?" They hated him all the more because of his dreams and what he said. ⁹Then he had another dream and told it to his brothers. He said, "Listen, I had another dream. This is what I saw: The sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me." ¹⁰He told it to his father and to his brothers. His father rebuked him and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have dreamed? Will I and your mother and your brothers really come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept what he had said in mind.

Saturday: Psalm of the Day—Psalm 42-43 (p. 82)

Sunday: Duet "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris

Second Lesson—Romans 8:1-10 "Life Through the Spirit"

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴ so that the righteous decree of the law

would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Gospel— Matthew 20:17-28 "Jesus again Predicts His Death"

¹⁷As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised." ²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand." ²²But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are." ²³He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." ²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Hymn—486 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Sermon: Matthew 20:17-28 Jesus Serves Us

1. In loving devotion as our Savior
2. Freeing us for devoted service

Nicene Creed (p. 31)

Offering

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer (p. 32)

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Hymn—114 "Christ the Life of All the Living"

Thanksgiving, Prayer and Blessing (p. 36)

Hymn—334 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"