

Third Week in Lent
Service of Prayer and Preaching
March 10, 2021 7:00pm



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AS WE GATHER

Brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 40 days of Lent are set aside as a time to take a look at our daily walk with God. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This service envisions the presence of those who have specifically come to make confession and who desire to receive the personal application and comfort of the declared absolution of God. The thrust of this service is the absolution God imparts to each individual.

We have a mission statement that says we are *Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel!* As we seek to fulfill that mission, perhaps listening to “others” who have lived and shared the Gospel would be helpful. So this year our Lenten journey brings us to the cross through the words of “the others,” “the them,” “the they.” Some of “them” are those who watched, and some are

“others” who participated in Jesus going to Golgotha. From what “they said” we hear the witness of those who were there to see it and, in some cases, move the events along.

What ‘*They*’ said as Jesus went to Calvary

Matt 26:19-25 *Surely not I, Rabbi?* (Ash Wednesday)

Matt 26:59-66 *He is worthy of death*

Matt 26:69-75 *I do not know the man*

John 18:33-38 *What is truth?*

Matt 27:22-26 *Let His blood be on us and on our children*

Luke 23:38-43 *Lord, remember me*

Luke 23:44-47 *Surely this was a righteous man*

(Good Friday)

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What ‘*They*’ said as Jesus went to Calvary

Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB 260

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn

LSB 428 sts. 1-4

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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Stand

**+ INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND
ABSOLUTION +**

LSB 292

☐ Pastor, please hear my confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will. I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

What troubles me particularly is that . . . (*in the silence of our hearts we confess what troubles us*)

☐ Having confessed our sins, together we say...

☐ I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

☐ God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? *LSB 293*

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles *LSB 260*

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading from Holy Scripture

LSB 263

Reading

John 18:33-38

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 263

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death, He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death, He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death, He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 425 sts. 1-4

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Homily

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“What is Truth?”

Stand

Catechism

LSB 264

Ten Commandments

☐ ☑ You shall have no other gods.

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord
your God.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

**You shall not give false testimony against your
neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or
his manservant or maidservant, his ox or
donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbor.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 264*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and
teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom**

**and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!

Prayer

LSB 265

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, and all those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

LSB 265

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

LSB 265

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and

comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

LSB 266

P **C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

LSB 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 973 sts. 1-2

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Refrain



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____