

THE PASSION OF JESUS

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The Burial of Jesus

Lenten Vespers

Midweek 5

March 20, 2024 7:00pm

A Prayer before Worship

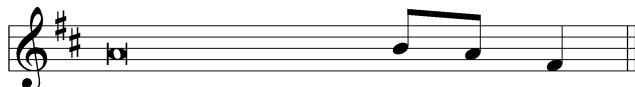
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: O MENSCH, BEWEIN DEIN SÜNDE GROSS, J. S. Bach

Stand

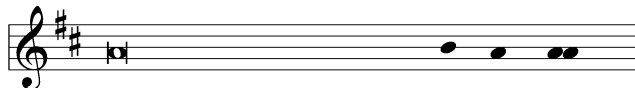


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Office Hymn: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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The First Reading *Psalms 22:19–31*

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸For kingship belongs to the

LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

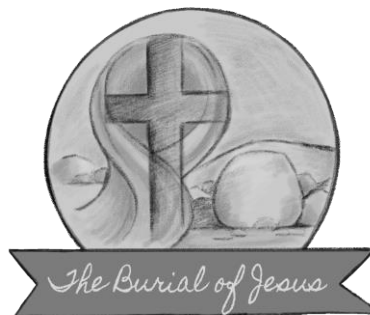
The Holy Gospel *John 19:31–42*

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.



The Small Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer – Conclusion*

L As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household:
“For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”
What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, means, “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Sit



Sermon Hymn: O Darkest Woe

LSB 448

1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -
3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow That
4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -

earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy
on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His

on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"
sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

Continue with stanzas 5-7 on the next page.

- 5 Such innocence! His countenance
 A fount of faith undying!
 Worlds on worlds cannot contain
 Grief at Him here lying.
- 6 O Virgin's Son, what Thou hast won
 Is far beyond all telling:
 How our God, detested, died,
 Hell and devil felling.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, Who sacrificed
 Thy life for lifeless mortals:
 Be my life in death and bring
 Me to heaven's portals!

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Sermon *Rev. Stephen Schumacher*

Stand

Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,
 and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm 141:2



Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



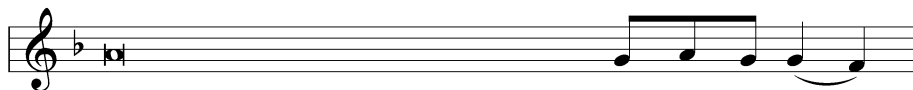
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

(The Magnificat concludes on the next page.)

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy
 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev - er.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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Kyrie

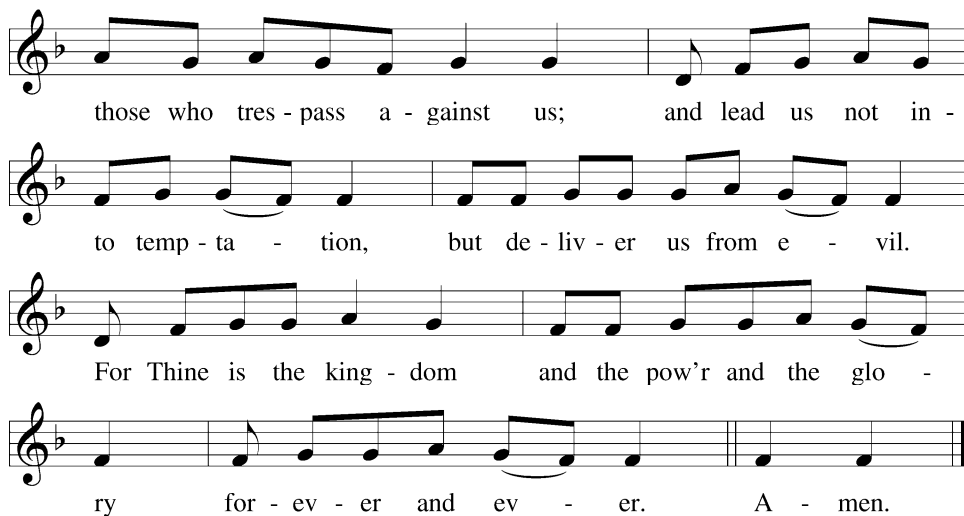
Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father Who Art in Heaven LSB 957

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
 bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Collects



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; 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 Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



Closing Hymn: Lord, Support Us All Day Long

LSB 884



1 Lord, sup - port us all day long, Guide and strength - en.
2 Be our light in dark - ness, Lord, Our de - fend - er;
3 With Your pres - ence, Lord, draw near Those who la - bor
4 Gra - cious Lord, we give You thanks, Praise and bless You,



Eve - ning comes, the world is hushed, Shad - ows length - en,
In Your pres - ence per - ils all Must sur - ren - der.
Through the night - time on be - half Of their neigh - bor.
As the giv - er of all good We con - fess You.



Work is done, life's fe - vered pace Now has end - ed;
Drive all dark sa - tan - ic snares From each dwell - ing;
Grant them cour - age for each fear, Faith - ful car - ing:
This past day we now com - mit To Your keep - ing



Christ, to You, our fi - nal rest Is com - mend - ed.
Then, at peace, our hearts Your praise Will be tell - ing.
Your com - pas - sion and Your love Tru - ly shar - ing.
And en - trust to You the hours Of our sleep - ing.

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Postlude: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, P. Manz



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

Preacher: Rev. Stephen Schumacher

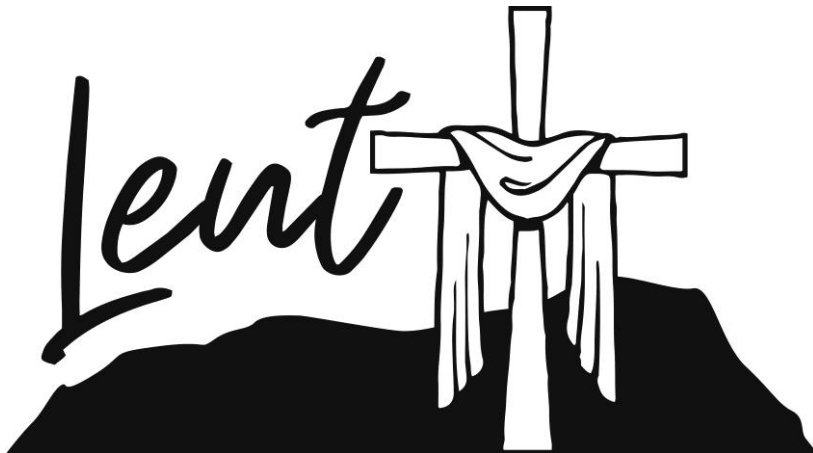
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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!





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