

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7 p.m.

Prelude

Invocation

Leader We worship tonight in the name of the Father, Son † and Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Opening Psalm *verses from Psalm 130*

Leader Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

People **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People **If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

Leader But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

People **I wait for the Lord, and in His Word I hope.**

Leader Hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love,

People **And with Him is plentiful redemption.**

Leader And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

People **Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Confession and Absolution

Leader Trusting in His steadfast love, we confess our sins to the God of our salvation. Holy Lord God,

People **We are full of sin. We know about Your sacrifice for us, yet we sacrifice so little for You. We are sorry for sinning against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We want to return to You, our Lord and God, for You are gracious and merciful. Thank You for being slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.**

(Silence for reflection)

Leader Hear the good news. Our God is a great God, the God of our deliverance. He delivers us from slavery to sin and death. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, He forgives us, and frees us to be the people of God. Be at peace; we are forgiven.

People **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* *LSB Hymnal 435*

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

PASSION READING 5

Leader “Which one of the two do you want me to release to you?”

Women **With one voice they cried out to the governor:**

Men **“Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”**

Women **Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city and for murder. Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting,**

Men **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

Women **For the third time he spoke to them:**

Leader “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

Women **But the Jews kept shouting,**

Men **“If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”**

Women **When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement. It was the day of the Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews:**

Leader “Here is your king.”

Men **“Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”**

Leader “Shall I crucify your king?”

Men **“We have no king but Caesar.”**

Women **When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. He said:**

Leader “I am innocent of this man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

Men **“Let his blood be on us and on our children!”**

Women **Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.**

Leader The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them:

Men **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say,**

Women **“Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!”**

Men **“Then, they will say to the mountains: ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills: ‘Cover us!’ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”**

Leader Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. They came to a place called Golgatha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. There they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said,

Men **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

Leader Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate:

Men **“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”**

Women **Pilate answered:**

Leader “What I have written, I have written.”

Response

People **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** *Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)*

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Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* LSB Hymnal 425

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| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> | <p>3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> <p>4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!</p> |
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Testimony *Lisa Cross*

Message *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.*

Offering Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* LSB Hymnal 543

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| <p>1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
For my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!</p> <p>2 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
Sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,
For my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.</p> | <p>3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.</p> <p>4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.</p> |
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The Prayers

Leader Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word, with Your strength and blessing. In the name of our Savior Jesus we pray.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

People 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. 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.

Closing Hymn *Abide with Me* LSB Hymnal 878, verses 1, 2, 4, and 6

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Blessing

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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