

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Sunday of the Passion
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Introduction

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on the Usher Stands.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near- already on the way down the Mount of Olives- the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

HYMN “We Are Marching in the Light”

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are march- - - - - ing, we are march- - - - - ing,
We are marching, we are march- - - - - ing, oooh!

We are marching in the light of God.

We are march- - - - - ing, we are march- - - - - ing,
We are marching, we are march- - - - - ing, oooh!

We are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

**SPECIAL MUSIC
CHILDRENS SERMON**

Sunday School Children

INVOCATION

GREETING

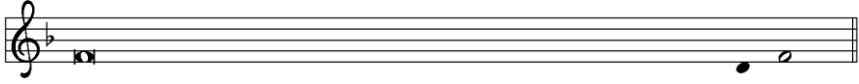
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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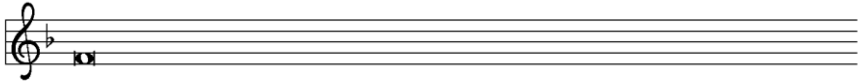
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



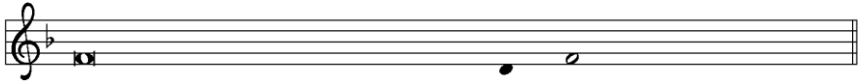
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



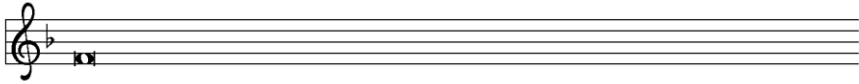
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



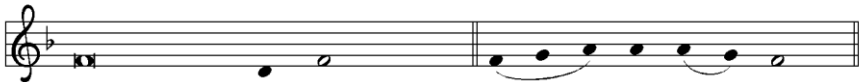
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



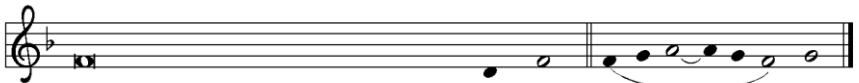
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Gloria

LEADER



Glor-y to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ALL



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to be born of human flesh, to become your servant, obedient even to death on a cross, and thereby the example of true humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also become partakers in his resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Senior Choir

GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull
out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16

- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**
- ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my
acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² **I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my
persecutors!
- ¹⁶ **Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast
love!**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

GOSPEL VERSE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd Chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 23:1-49

¹ Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "**We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.**" ³ And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "**He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.**"

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some

sign done by him.⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer.¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him.¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him."

¹⁸ But they all cried out together, "**Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas**"-¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,²¹ but they kept shouting, "**Crucify, crucify him!**"²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that **he should be crucified**. And their voices prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.³⁵ And the

people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "**He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!**"³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "**If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**"³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "**Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?**"⁴¹ **And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.**"⁴² And he said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**"⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "**Certainly this man was innocent!**"⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY *Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

ELW 338

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLE'S CREED ELW p.127

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father.
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

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

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **ELW 351**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 20th

11:00 AM Fellowship

7:00 PM OTC/LYO Trivia Night @ Faith Haven

Monday, Weds. Fri Exercise

Tuesday, March 22nd

9:30 AM Bible Study

Weds. March 23rd

3:30 PM Confirmation

5:30 PM Choir

Thursday, March 24th **Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM Worship Service w/Holy Communion

1st Communion for Keegan Shaw, Mitchell Cichy,

Destinie Sweno, Carter Dilly, Tannah Wiirre and

Jenna Volkmann

Friday, March 25th **Good Friday**

7:00 PM Worship Service

Next Sunday, March 27th **Easter Sunday**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion