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Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 30th, 2022

TODAY'S PRAYERS: Gary Edel, Dorothy Quiring, Bruce Bird, Wally Funk, Jack Zacharias, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kevin Patrick, Richard Biletski, Dianne McLeod, Irene Henschel, Pastor Schollenberg and his family.

Order of Service: As Printed

Opening Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won

By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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P In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see Your Passion,
But its cause to me make known and its termination.
For I also and my sin wrought Your deep affliction;
This the shameful cause has been of Your crucifixion.**

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

The Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 42:6–24

⁶Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. **"Where do you come from?"** he said. They said, **"From the land of Canaan, to buy food."** ⁸And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, **"You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land."** ¹⁰They said to him, **"No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food."** ¹¹**We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."** ¹²He said to them, **"No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see."** ¹³And they said, **"We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."** ¹⁴But Joseph said to them, **"It is as I said to you. You are spies. ¹⁵By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies."** ¹⁷And he put them all together in custody for three days. ¹⁸On the third day Joseph said to them, **"Do this and you will live, for I fear God: ¹⁹if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, ²⁰and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die."** And they did so. ²¹Then they said to

one another, **“In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.”** ²²And Reuben answered them, **“Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.”** ²³They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. ²⁴Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

³Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!

⁵For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Sermon Hymn: In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

LSB 432

- 1 In silent pain the_ eternal Son
Hangs derelict and still;
In darkened day His work is done,
Fulfilled, His Father’s will.
Uplifted for the world to see
He hangs in strangest victory,
For in His body on the tree
He carries all our ill.
- 2 He died that we might die to sin
And live for righteousness;
The earth is stained to make us clean
And bring us into peace.
For peace He came and met its cost;
He gave Himself to save the lost;
He loved us to the uttermost
And paid for our release.
- 3 For strife He came to bring a sword,
The truth to end all lies;
To rule in us, our patient Lord,
Until all evil dies:
For in His hand He holds the stars,
His voice shall speak to end our wars,
And those who love Him see His scars
And look into His eyes.

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The Holy Gospel:

Luke 23:1-25

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. ²And 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."** ³And Pilate asked Him, **"Are You the King of the Jews?"** And He answered him, **"You have said so."** ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, **"I find no guilt in this Man."** ⁵But they were urgent, saying, **"He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."** ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the Man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When 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. ⁹So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and 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. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release Him."** ¹⁸But they all cried out together, **"Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"**— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, **"Crucify, crucify Him!"** ²²A 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."** ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Reading of the Passion History

Sermon: Chased by a Dirty Conscience!

Genesis 42:6-24 & Luke 23:1-25

G All of Scripture, Christ, reveals You, pointing to Your cross and tomb. All of Christendom now feels You, bursting through our Lenten gloom. Open up, O Word, to cheer us, dwell without, within and near us. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto You.

The Apostles' Creed

Offering: Hymn: Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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!

Closing Collect

P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; be with us throughout this night as You watch over and protect us from all danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Announcements:

Confirmation Instruction Classes: will be held at LCGS on Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m.