



## St. John's Lutheran Church

### Lenten Worship

April 9, 2025

7:00 pm

The Joy of Lent



Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

**Opening Hymn - Go to Dark Gethsemane** TLH 159

**Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the Tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment-hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom,--Who hath taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise. Amen.**

### Opening Response

*P* In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*P* How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

*P* As for me, I am poor and needy,

**C But the Lord takes thought of me.**

*P* You are my help and my deliverer;

**C Do not delay, O my God!**

*P* For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

**C Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*P* Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

**C Gracious God, we confess our blindness to those around us who are in need. We fail to see you in those who reach out to us for help, those who sit alone, those who bear unquenchable pain, the vulnerable and the poor. Our feeble efforts to help often fall short and we find the mountains of our own needs blocking our sight of others. Forgive us, Lord. We bless you for the constant compassion you show us in Jesus Christ and seek your gracious help to carry that same compassion in our spirits and to make it alive in our lives. Let us overflow with the doing that proclaims your very presence with us.**

*P* Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose Spirit is no deceit. When you say, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." God promises that he has forgiven the guilt of your sin. As God promises, you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Psalm 103:8-12

## **Passion Reading**

## **John 19:1-16**

**Hymn of Response** - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness TLH 371

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, Who from the Father's bosom came,  
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone, Now for my Lord and God I own.**

**Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Forever doth for sinners plead, For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.**

**Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid. Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Isaiah 61:1-3**

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

Colossians 3:12-17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.****Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:14-30

**Hymn - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** TLH 442

**Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th'unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;  
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor hast Thou given To our humblest charity  
In Thine own mysterious sentence, "Ye have done it unto Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, Thou dost deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Thy poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Yes, the sorrow and the sufferings Which on every hand we see  
Channels are for gifts and offerings Due by solemn right to Thee;  
Right of which we may not rob Thee, Debt we may not choose but pay,  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.**

**Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;  
But, oh! best of all Thy graces, Give us Thine own charity. Amen.**

**Sermon: How Do You Feel About Jesus? – Luke 4:30-32****Hymn of Response - Be Still, My Soul**

TLH 651

(Offering received during Hymn)

**Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly friend  
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last. Amen.**

### **How do you feel about Jesus?**

- I am thankful that Jesus is my friend and is always with me.
- It gives me peace to know that the Father sent his Son to make me perfect
- Knowing Jesus makes me want to know more about how God loves me.
- I feel hopeful that all things will work out for me when I put my trust in Jesus.
- I am proud of what Jesus has done and want other people to know he is my Savior.
- Jesus inspires me to be a light to the world of his forgiveness and love.
- Jesus is amazing, and it is awesome that God loved me so much he would send his own Son for me.
- I am joyful and happy that God has saved my life by sending Jesus to die on a cross and rise on Easter.

### **Silent Reflection**

### **Prayers**

### **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**

### **Benediction**

*P* And now may the grace that we are given so freely in Jesus Christ, the constant love of God for us and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit be with us and send us to act in in his love in the world. Amen.

**Closing Hymn - Love Divine, All Love Excelling TLH 351**

**Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter ev'ry trembling heart!**

**Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore, Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.**

**Thanks be to God that we can share the joy of Lent!**

**April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship**

**April 16 – Wednesday Worship – Babbtown 6:00 PM**

**April 17 – Maundy Thursday Worship – Schubert 7:00 PM**

**April 18 – Good Friday Worship**

**Babbtown 5:00 PM - Schubert 7:00 PM**

**April 20 – Easter Sunday**

