

# **FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 12:00 pm

## **THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

### **OPENING HYMN** (Please Stand)

*“Glory Be to Jesus” LSB 433*

**Glory be to Jesus  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins**

**Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion  
Infinitely kind**

**Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem**

**Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries**

**Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply**

**Lift we then our voices  
Swell the mighty flood  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** (Spoken LSB pg. 167)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:30]

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my  
office, as a called and ordained servant of the  
word, 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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: (Spoken) And also with you.**

Pastor: Let Us Pray:

## **COLLECT**

Pastor: "Lord Jesus Christ, You humbled yourself by taking the form of man and becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. All this You did for us and for our salvation. This Lenten season, create in us clean hearts as we take up our cross and follow You, granting us humility as we meditate on Your Holy Passion, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God world without end."

**People: Amen.**

(You May Be Seated)

Pastor: In order to better prepare ourselves for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this Lenten season, a portion of the Passion story will be read each Wednesday during each of the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday. It is hoped that these readings will provide spiritual strength for all of us during this Lenten season.

## **PREPARATION HYMN**

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” LSB 438 Vs. 1*

**A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And laden with the sins of earth  
None else the burden sharing  
Goes patient on grows weak and faint  
To slaughter led without complaint  
That spotless life to offer  
He bears the stripes the wounds the lies  
The mockery and yet replies  
All this I gladly suffer**

## **The Passion History of Our Lord According to the Four Evangelists**

### **Part 3**

### **Jesus before the Sanhedrin**

Reader: And immediately, while Jesus was yet speaking to His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, one of the twelve came; and with him a great multitude with swords, clubs, lanterns, torches and weapons, from the chief priests, scribes and the elders of the people. And Judas went ahead of them. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, “Whom do you seek”? They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth”. Jesus said to them, “I am He”. As soon as Jesus said to them “I am He”, they fell backward to the ground. Jesus asked again, “Whom do you seek”? They said, “Jesus of Nazareth”. Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am He: if therefore you seek Me, let

these go their way: that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'Of them which You gave Me have I lost none'".

Now he that betrayed Jesus had given them a sign saying, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, and lead Him away safely". And as soon as Judas was come, he went straight to Jesus and drew close to Jesus to kiss Him, and said, "Hail master", and kissed Him. And Jesus said unto him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come? Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss"?

Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him. When they who were around Jesus saw what would follow, they said unto Him, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword"? And, behold, one of them who were with Jesus, Simon peter, having a sword, stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. And Jesus answered and said, "Suffer you thus far". And He said to Peter, "Put up again your sword into the sheath; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. The cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it? Don't you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions (72,000) of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled that thus it must be"? And He touched Malchus' ear, and healed him.

In that same hour Jesus answered and said to the multitude, unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to Him, "Are you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs for to take Me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and you stretched forth no hands against Me: but this is your hour and the power of darkness". But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Then the band and the captain and the officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away.

And they that had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that same year. Then led they Jesus away bound to Caiaphas, where all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders were assembled. Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And from a distance Simon Peter followed Jesus to the high priest's palace, and so did another disciple. That other disciple was known by the high priest and went with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then that other disciple who was known by the high priest went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought in Peter. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves. And Peter went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

## HYMN

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” LSB 438 Vs. 2*

**This Lamb is Christ the soul’s great friend  
The Lamb of God our Savior  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor  
Go forth My Son the Father said  
And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear  
But by Your passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation**

Reader: Then one of the maids of the high priest, the damsel who kept the door, when she saw Peter as he sat by the fire warming himself, earnestly looked at him and said, “And you also were with Jesus of Nazareth. Are you not also one of this Man’s disciples”? But Peter denied before them all, saying “Woman, I know Him not, neither understand I what you are saying.

And Simon Peter stood by the fireplace to warm himself. And after a little while (after the first denial), as he went out into the porch, the cock crowed. And another girl saw him, and began to say to them that stood by, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth”. They said, therefore, unto him, “Are not you also one of His disciples”? And another said, “You are also of them”. And again Peter denied it with an oath, saying, “Man, I am not; I do not know the Man”. And after a little while, about the space of one hour, another confidently

affirmed, saying, "Of a truth this fellow also was with Jesus; for you are a Galilean, and your speech agrees to that and betrays you. One of the servants of the high priest, being his relative, whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did not I see you in the garden with Him"? Then began Peter to curse and to swear, saying, "I know not this Man of whom you speak". And immediately, while he was yet speaking the cock crowed the second time. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him "Before the cock crows twice, you shall deny Me three times". And he went out and wept bitterly.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples, and about His teachings. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world: I always taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet; and have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask them who heard Me what I have said to them; behold, they know what I said". And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest that way"? Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me"? The chief priests and elders and all the council sought for false witness against Jesus to put Him to death and found none: yes, though many false witnesses came and bare false witness against Him, yet found they none; for their witness did not agree together.



And there arose at last two, who bare false witness against Him, saying, “We heard this Fellow say, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days. I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.” But neither did their witness agree together.

And the high priest arose, and stood up in the middle, and asked Jesus, saying, “Won’t You answer anything? What is it which these testify against You”? But Jesus kept quiet and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said to Him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God”.

Jesus said unto him, “It is as you said, I am.

Nevertheless I say unto you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven”.

The high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy. What do you think”? And they all condemned Jesus and said, He is deserving of death”.

Now the men who held Jesus, mocked Him, and some began to spit on Him, and to cover His face, and to beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, “Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, who is He that struck you”? And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Reader: Here endeth the reading.

## **HYMN**

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” LSB 438 Vs. 3*

**Yes Father yes most willingly  
I'll bear what You command Me  
My will conforms to Your decree  
I'll do what You have asked Me  
O wondrous Love what have You done  
The Father offers up His Son  
Desiring our salvation  
O Love how strong You are to save  
You lay the One into the grave  
Who built the earth's foundation**

## **MEDITATION**

## **HYMN**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425*

**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  
  
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  
  
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**

**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**

(Please Stand)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Spoken)

**All: 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.**

**BENEDICAMUS** (Spoken LSB 252)

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION** (Spoken LSB 252)

**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  
(+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve  
you.

**People:** Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Abide with Me" LSB 878 Vs. 1, 5 & 6*

**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**

**I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me**

**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**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

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