

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, Mar 17, 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
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
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

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

LSB 439 Vs. 1

**O dearest Jesus what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken
Of what great crime has Thou to make confession
What dark transgression**

The Passion History of our Lord according to the four Evangelists

Part 4

Jesus before Pilate

Reader: And right away when the morning was come, as soon as it was day, all the chief priests, scribes, and the elders of the people, together with all the council, took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; and led Him into their council, saying, “Are You the Christ? Tell us.” And Jesus said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God”. Then said they all, “Are You then the Son of God”? And He said unto them, “What you say, I am”. And they said, “We have no further need of witnesses. We ourselves have heard from His own mouth”.

And the whole multitude of them arose, and when they had bound Christ, they led Him from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the governor; and it was early.

Then Judas which had betrayed Him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood". They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself". Then Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and left, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood". And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called the Field of Blood unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah, the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me".

But the Jews did not go into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; so that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man"? They answered and said unto him, "If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up to you". Then Pilate said unto them, "Take Him and judge Him according to your law". The Jews therefore said unto him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death;" that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke signifying what death He should die.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King". Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus; and Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked Him, saying "Are You the King of the Jews"? Jesus answered him, "Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others tell this to you about Me"? Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You unto me; and what have You done"? Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is My kingdom not from here". Pilate therefore said unto Him, "Are you a King then"? Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears My voice". Pilate said unto Him, "What is truth"? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and said unto the chief priests and to the people, "I find no fault at all in this Man".

And the chief priests accused Him of many things; but He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again saying, "Don't you answer anything? Behold how many things they testify against You ". But Jesus answered him not a single word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. And they were even more fierce,

saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place".

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the Man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Jesus to Herod, who himself was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things about Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then Herod questioned with Him in many words; but Jesus answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought and mocked Him, and dressed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves

Reader: Here endeth the reading.

HYMN

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

LSB 439 Vs. 3

**Whence come these sorrows whence this mortal
anguish**

It is my sins for which Thou Lord must languish

Yea all the wrath the woe Thou dost inherit

This I do merit

MEDITATION

“Give us this day our daily Bread”

Text: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 ESV

Sermon Outline

1. Unbelief finds it easy to focus on the “How?” of daily bread.
2. Our heavenly Father instead focuses our faith on the “Who?” of daily bread a person, Jesus

In Christ We meet the God who gives us our daily Bread.

HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LSB 707

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere

Let sin have no dominion, Lord

But keep my conscience clear

Assist my soul too apt to stray

A stricter watch to keep

And should I e'er forget Thy way

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep

Make me to walk in Thy commands

'Tis a delightful road

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God

(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**

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