

SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021, 12:00 pm

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN (Please Stand)

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

LSB 439 Vs. 1-3

**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**

**They crown Thy head with thorns they smite they
scourge Thee**

**With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee
They give Thee gall to drink they still decry Thee
They crucify Thee**

**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**

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

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 vs. 1

**Christ the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit
Thousand thousand thanks shall be
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee**

The Passion History of our Lord according to the four Evangelists

Part 5

JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Reader: And when Pilate had called together the chief priests and the rulers of the people, he said unto them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who perverts the people; and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse Him: no, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him: and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him. I will therefore chastise Him, and release Him".

Now at that feast the governor was accustomed to release unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, who lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him in the city, who had committed murder in the insurrection. He was also a robber. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire Pilate to do as he always had done to them. For of necessity he must release one to them at the feast. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, "You have a custom that I should release unto you one at the Passover: whom will you that I release unto you, Barabbas or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ"? For Pilate knew that for envy the chief priests had delivered Him.

When Pilate was set down on the judgement seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him".

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, "Which of the two will you that I release to you"? And they cried out at once, saying, "away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"! Pilate therefore, wanting to release Jesus, spoke again to them, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ, whom you call King of the Jews"? But they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" And Pilate said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no cause of death in Him; I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go". And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that He might be crucified, and cried out the more exceedingly, "Let Him be crucified!" And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

So Pilate took Jesus, and scourged Him. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus and led Him away into the common hall, called Praetorium, and gathered unto Him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had braided a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and began to salute Him, and bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews"! They smote Him with

their hands and they spit upon Him, and took the reed and smote Him on the head, and bowing their knees, worshiped Him.

HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” LSB 420 Vs. 4

**Heartless scoffers did surround Thee
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee
All disgrace Thou Lord has borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me
Thousand thousand thanks shall be
Dearest Jesus unto Thee**

Reader: Pilate therefore went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I bring Him forth to you that you may know that I find no fault in Him”. Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, “Behold the Man!” When the chief priests therefore, and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate saith unto them, “Take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.” When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was more afraid, and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, “Where do You come from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said unto Him, “Why don’t You speak to me? Don’t You know that I have power to crucify You and have power to release

You"? Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me, except it were given you from above; therefore he that delivered Me unto you has the greater sin." And from thence forth Pilate sought to release Him: but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go you are not Caesar's friend; whoever makes himself king speaks against Caesar."

When Pilate therefore heard that saying he brought Jesus forth and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation day for the Passover, and about the third hour (Nine O'clock): and Pilate said unto the Jews: "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said unto them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather an uproar was made, he was willing to content the people, and gave sentence that it should be as they required, and took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person; see you to it." Then answered all the people and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

Then he released Barabbas to them, whom they had desired. And when Pilate had Jesus scourged, he delivered them to their will to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took the purple robe off Jesus, and put His own clothing on Him. And they

took Jesus, and led Him away to crucify Him. And bearing His cross He went forth into a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who passed by, coming out of the country. They laid hold upon him, and on him they laid the cross and compelled him that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed Jesus a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming in which they shall say, 'Blessed are the barren, and wombs which never bear and the breasts which never nursed.' Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us;' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' for if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

Reader: Here endeth the reading.

HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 vs. 6

**Thou hast suffered great affliction
And has born it patiently
Even death by crucifixion
Fully to atone for me
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented
Thousand thousand thanks shall be
Dearest Jesus unto Thee**

MEDITATION

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB 450 Vs. 1, 4 & 6

**O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown
O sacred Head what glory
What bliss till now was Thine
Yet though despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine**

**My Shepherd now receive me
My Guardian own me Thine
Great blessings Thou didst give me
O Source of gifts divine
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above**

**My Savior be Thou near me
When death is at my door
Then let Thy presence cheer me
Forsake me nevermore
When soul and body languish
O leave me not alone
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own**

(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 depends 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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