



**BEHOLD  
THE MAN!**

## Midweek of Lent 5

# A God Who Thirsts

### As We Gather

“Behold the man!” was Pontius Pilate’s short, yet most profound, sermon. Our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday is to behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. Each time together, we are meditating on and proclaiming His real, bodily suffering and death as well as His physical resurrection. He knew all that real bodies experience; He suffered, wept, bled, ate, and hoped.

Today, we recall that the man Jesus said on the cross, “I thirst.” As a true man, He had become dehydrated, though earlier in His life He had used water to save a wedding, He had promised eternally thirst-quenching water to the woman at the well, and He had even walked on the water of the sea. But as true God, He had another thirst: not for Himself but for the salvation of all people.

As we move through this season of Lent, it will become increasingly clear why God became man: He lived this physical life in order to be nailed to a cross. Thereby, we are truly preparing for the celebration of His real, bodily, flesh-and-blood resurrection. Without that, our faith and our preaching are all in vain. God the Son became the embodied, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like us. What could be more profound? Behold the man, who has led the way for us through death to our own physical resurrection!

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447

*Jesus, in Your dying woes,  
Even while Your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for Your foes;  
Hear us, holy Jesus.*

*Jesus, all our ransom paid,  
All Your Father's will obeyed;  
By Your sufferings perfect made:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.*

*Save us in our soul's distress;  
Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.*

*Brighten all our heav'nward way  
With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.*

## INVOCATION

1 John 2:1; Mark 10:33; Psalm 32:1

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** “O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**C** **I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.**

**P** Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You.

**C** **I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.**

**P** My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;

**C** **With singing lips my mouth will praise You.”**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, because it was Your will that Your son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary,

**C** **Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord’s Passions that we may receive remission of sins and redemption for everlasting death;**

**P** Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:1–5

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, And a nation that did not know you shall run to

you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:28–30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You O Christ.**

## RESPONSORY

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**C** He was delivered up to death;

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**P** We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435 1-4

*Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.*

*Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.*

*Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.*

*They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.*

SERMON

OFFERING

## PRAYERS

**P** Almighty God, Your Son thirsted on the cross for our salvation so that we might be satisfied forever. As we walk through this wilderness world toward the promised land of the new heavens and the new earth, sustain us with the living waters that Your Son gives us in His Word and Sacraments, that having received a foretaste of everlasting refreshment, we may point others to Jesus, who quenches our every thirst; in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son's chalice is filled with the streams of living water that flow from His spear-pierced side. Grant us a thirst for His Sacrament, that having tasted His blood, which is true drink, we may be filled with His unending life and never perish; in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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**C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** Praise the Lord, O my soul...

- C** He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent...
- P** He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind...
- C** He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.
- P** They give water to all the beasts of the field...
- C** The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.
- P** He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work...
- C** Wine that gladdens the heart of man...
- P** These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time...
- C** May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works...
- P** I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- C** May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord... Praise the Lord. [Psa 104, selected verses]

## HYMN

12:30 PM

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919, 1, 2, 4, 6

*1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.*

*4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.*

*2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.*

*6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.*

7:00 PM

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

LSB 877

*1 God, who made the earth and heaven,  
Darkness and light:  
You the day for work have given,  
For rest the night.  
May Your angel guards defend us,*

*Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us  
All through the night.*

*2 And when morn again shall call us  
To run life's way,  
May we still, whate'er befall us,  
Your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
In the narrow pathway guide us,  
Never be Your smile denied us  
All through the day.*

*3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
And when we die,  
May we in Your mighty keeping  
All peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us  
With You on high.*

*4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
All-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given,  
Blest Three in One:  
Grant us grace, we now implore You,  
Till we lay our crowns before You  
And in worthier strains adore You  
While ages run.*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.