



Good Friday

March 29, 2024

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Tenebrae Vespers

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Opening Versicles

[P] O Lord, open my lips,

[C] and my mouth will declare Your praise.

[P] Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

[C] make haste to help me, O Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

At the conclusion of each Psalm a candle is extinguished.

Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;*

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,*
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;*
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my
salvation,*
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;*
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;*
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings
and whole burnt offerings;*

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith

May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;

Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 32

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*
whose sin is covered.
²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity,*
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away*
through my groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my
iniquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a
time when you may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

- ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,*
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- ¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,*
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439 v. 1–7

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 2 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.
- 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.

- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Reading

John 19:1-16A

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

"Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

A candle is extinguished.

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *LSB 439 v.8-15*

- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?

- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most
lowly
All fires unholy.
- 11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me
And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

Reading

John 19:16b-42

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might

be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” ³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

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

- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

448 O Darkest Woe

- 1 O darkest woe!
Ye tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
Now is buried yonder.
- 2 O sorrow dread!
Our God is dead,
Upon the cross extended.
There His love enlivened us
As His life was ended.
- 3 O child of woe:
Who struck the blow
That killed our gracious Master?
"It was I," thy conscience cries,
"I have wrought disaster!"
- 4 Thy Bridegroom dead!
God's Lamb has bled
Upon thy sin forever,
Pouring out His sinless self
In this vast endeavor.

- 5 Such innocence!
His countenance
A fount of faith undying!
Worlds on worlds cannot contain
Grief at Him here lying.
- 6 O Virgin's Son,
What Thou hast won
Is far beyond all telling:
How our God, detested, died,
Hell and devil felling.
- 7 O Jesus Christ,
Who sacrificed
Thy life for lifeless mortals:
Be my life in death and bring
Me to heaven's portals!

Homily

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

A candle is extinguished.

Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

C 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Other collects are included here. The following collect is prayed last:

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove

from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A candle is extinguished

Choir – Deep Were His Wounds

The Christ candle is removed from the chancel.

The Strepitus

The strepitus consists of a loud noise that is made by slamming shut a large book. This action represents the closing of the tomb. Following the strepitus, the Christ candle returns symbolizing the hope of the resurrection. The congregation leaves in silence with minimal light.

*(No offering will be collected during the service.
Offering plates are placed at the back of the nave)*

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