

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Midweek Lent 4  
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*The congregation assembles in silence.*

Prelude

Bells

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -  
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful  
4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -  
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -  
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and  
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth  
bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
 Perform thy duties faithfully,  
 And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
 Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
 God never yet forsook in need  
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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## Sermon

## Offering

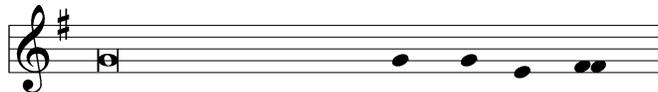
*Kneel/Stand*



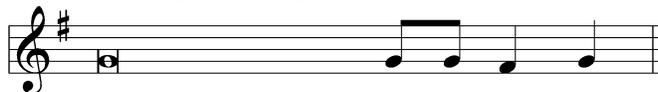
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



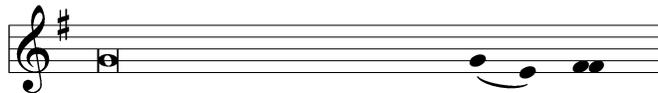
**C** A - men.



**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

## Confession

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

- L** Holy and gracious God,  
**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**  
**L** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.  
**C** **Amen.**

- <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
- <sup>2</sup>Let | Israel say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”
- <sup>3</sup>Let the house of | Aaron say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”
- <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the | LORD say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”
- <sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called | on the LORD;\*  
the LORD answered me and | set me free.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD is on my side; I | will not fear.\*  
What can man | do to me?
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side as my | helper;\*  
I shall look in triumph on those who | hate me.
- <sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in man.
- <sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to trust in | princes.
- <sup>10</sup>All nations sur- | rounded me;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on | every side;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>12</sup>They surrounded me like bees;  
they went out like a fire a- | mong thorns;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>13</sup>I was pushed hard, so that I was | falling,\*  
but the LORD | helped me.
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song;\*  
he has become my sal- | vation.
- <sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the | righteous:\*
- “The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the | LORD exalts,\*  
the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but | I shall live,\*  
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,\*  
but he has not given me o- | ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of | righteousness,\*  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks | to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate | of the LORD;\*  
the righteous shall enter | through it.
- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have | answered me\*  
and have become my sal- | vation.
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders re- | jected\*  
has become the | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's | doing;\*  
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;\*  
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*  
 O LORD, we pray, give | us success!  
<sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*  
 We bless you from the house | of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
 and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*  
 Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
 up to the horns of the | altar!  
<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\*  
 you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.  
<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
 for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Sit

### 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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# Readings from Holy Scripture

## The Passion Reading

### IV. The Praetorium

When they had bound Jesus, they led him from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment and gave him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor. It was early. They themselves did not go into the judgment hall, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

Pilate then went out to them, and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Then Pilate said to them, "Take him, then, and judge him according to your law."

The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." So the word of Jesus was fulfilled, signifying by what death he should die.

The charges they brought against him were: "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered him, "Do you say this for yourself, or did others say it to you about me?"

Pilate answered, "Do you take me for a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have given you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would have fought that I should not be given over to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not of this world."

Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. I was born and I came into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice."

Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in this man."

The chief priests kept laying one charge after another against him, but he answered not a word. Pilate questioned him again, saying, "Do you answer nothing? See how many charges they lay against you." Jesus answered him not a word. Pilate was utterly amazed. He said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no case against this man."

They pressed their charges more vehemently: "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judaea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he belonged in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him on to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem for those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was delighted, for he had long wished to see him because of what he had heard of him, and he hoped to see him do a miracle. He questioned Jesus repeatedly, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes stood there and vehemently accused him. Herod and his soldiers mocked him. They put a splendid robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that same day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You have brought this man before me as one subverting the people. See now, I have examined him before you and have found nothing in this man guilty of any of your charges against him, and neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Mark this, he has done nothing worthy of death. I will have him punished and release him.”

Now at the feast it was the governor’s custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner whom they asked for. They had then a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. He was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection in the city. Pilate knew that it was out of malice that the chief priests handed Jesus over. Therefore he said to them, “Do you want me to release for you Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?”

The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. Pilate asked them again, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they cried out all together, saying, “Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas.”

While Pilate was sitting in the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message: “Do not have anything to do with that man; I have suffered much over him today in a dream.”

Again Pilate addressed them, for he wished to release Jesus. He said to them, “What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? What shall I do with him whom you call the King of the Jews?”

They all cried out, “Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found no guilt worthy of death in him; I will therefore punish him and let him go.”

They cried out all the louder, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers of the governor led him away into the praetorium. They gathered the whole band of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a purple robe on him. When they had woven a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and a reed in his right hand, and they knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. They knelt down and did him homage.

Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I bring him out to you that you may know I find him not guilty.” So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I do not find him guilty.”

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this, he was more afraid and went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify you, and I have power to release you?”

Jesus answered, “You would not have any power at all over me, unless it had been given to you from above. For that reason he who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

This prompted Pilate to go on trying to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement or, in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. It was the Preparation of the Passover, about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your king!"

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 was getting nowhere, but rather a riot was under way, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this man; see to it yourselves."

Then all the people responded, "His blood be on us and on our children."

Then Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, gave sentence that it should be as they demanded. He released to them Barabbas for whom they asked, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder. He had Jesus flogged and then gave him over to their will to be crucified. The soldiers mocked him, stripped him of the purple robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

## Responsory

LSB 255



**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

*Stand*

## Prayer



**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** listen to my cry.

**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

**L** In righteousness I shall see You;

**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

## Collect

**C** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 257

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258

*Antiphon*

**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which You have prepared

in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na-tions

and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the

Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -

ev - er. *Antiphon* A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may

watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## Benediction

LSB 259

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the ✠ Son,

and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.



**A - men.**

## 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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