

**+ REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH +**  
**APRIL 1, 2020**  
**+ MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE +**

**TODAY'S THEME**

Today, we learn of Pilate's worldly view and how, to keep his position and placate the Jewish leaders and crowd, he handed Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers saw the opposite of a worldly king, but ironically hailing of Him as "King of the Jews" proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross. Which way do we look in the daily decisions we make?

**+ VESPERS +**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*433 Glory Be to Jesus*

- 1    Glory be to Jesus,  
      Who in bitter pains  
      Poured for me the lifeblood  
      From His sacred veins!
- 2    Grace and life eternal  
      In that blood I find;  
      Blest be His compassion,  
      Infinitely kind!
- 3    Blest through endless ages  
      Be the precious stream  
      Which from endless torment  
      Did the world redeem!
- 4    Abel's blood for vengeance  
      Pleaded to the skies;  
      But the blood of Jesus  
      For our pardon cries.
- 5    Oft as earth exulting  
      Wafts its praise on high,  
      Angel hosts rejoicing  
      Make their glad reply.
- 6    Lift we, then, our voices,  
      Swell the mighty flood;  
      Louder still and louder  
      Praise the precious blood!

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**LENT VERSICLES**

O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

## + READINGS +

### 1ST LESSON

*Isaiah 13:9-11*

- 9** The day of the Lord is going to come.  
It will be a cruel day with fury and fierce anger.  
He will make the earth desolate.  
He will destroy its sinners.
- 10** The stars in the sky and their constellations  
won't show their light anymore.  
The sun will be dark when it rises.  
The moon won't shine.
- 11** I will punish the world for its evil  
and the wicked for their wrongdoing.  
I will put an end to arrogant people  
and humble the pride of tyrants.

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### 2ND LESSON

*John 18:33–38a*

- 33** Pilate went back into the palace, called for Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
- 34** Jesus replied, "Did you think of that yourself, or did others tell you about me?"
- 35** Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"
- 36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom doesn't belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. My kingdom doesn't have its origin on earth."
- 37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"
- Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."
- 38** Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"
- After Pilate said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I don't find this man guilty of anything."
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### HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 15:1–20*

- 15** Early in the morning the chief priests immediately came to a decision with the leaders and the experts in Moses' Teachings. The whole Jewish council decided to tie Jesus up, lead him away, and hand him over to Pilate.
- 2** Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
- "Yes, I am," Jesus answered him.
- 3** The chief priests were accusing him of many things.
- 4** So Pilate asked him again, "Don't you have any answer? Look how many accusations they're bringing against you!"
- 5** But Jesus no longer answered anything, so Pilate was surprised.
- 6** At every Passover festival, Pilate would free one prisoner whom the people asked for. **7** There was a man named Barabbas in prison. He was with some rebels who had committed murder during a riot. **8** The crowd asked Pilate to do for them what he always did. **9** Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to free the king of the Jews for you?" **10** Pilate knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous.
- 11** The chief priests stirred up the crowd so that Pilate would free Barabbas for them instead.
- 12** So Pilate again asked them, "Then what should I do with the king of the Jews?"
- 13** "Crucify him!" they shouted back.
- 14** Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"
- But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"
- 15** Pilate wanted to satisfy the people, so he freed Barabbas for them. But he had Jesus whipped and handed over to be crucified.
- 16** The soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace and called together the whole troop. **17** They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown, and placed it on his head. **18** Then they began to greet him, "Long live the king of the Jews!" **19** They kept hitting him on the head with a stick, spitting on him, and kneeling in front of him with false humility.
- 20** After the soldiers finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the purple cape and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
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## RESPONSORY (LENT)

LSB 231

Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.  
In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.  
Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

## + SERMON +

## HYMN

730 *What Is the World to Me*

- 1 What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.  
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth  
And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!  
My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
What is the world to me!

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## SERMON

*Worldly Eyes*

## + CANTICLE +

## ANTIPHON (COMMON)

LSB 231

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**+ PRAYER +**

**KYRIE**

*LSB 233*

Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYERS**

**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.

**BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 234*

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 234*

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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