



The fourth word from the cross is a word of compassion. “Woman, behold, your son! . . . Behold, your mother!” The disciples had fled in fear. Only the women remained, along with the disciple whom Jesus loved. Mary, His mother, her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene together with John. These remained near the cross, keeping vigil.

Order of Worship for March 27, 2019

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor O Lord, open my lips,

People **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

ALL **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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (From selected verses in Psalm 86)

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.

Preserve my life, for I am | godly;*

save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.*

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

**Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.**

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, | O Lord,*
nor are there any | works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, | O Lord,*
and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do | wondrous things;*
you a- | lone are God.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth,*
unite my heart to | fear your name.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.**

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

**O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seeks
my life,*and they do not set you be- | fore them.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;*
give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maid-servant.**

Show me a sign of your | favor,*
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me
and com- | forted me.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

HYMN: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB# 447 stanzas 7-9

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 30:8–18

And now, go, write it before them on a
tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.

For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling to hear
the instruction of the LORD;
who say to the seers, “Do not see,”

and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us
what is right;
speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,
leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of
Israel.”

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
“Because you despise this word
and trust in oppression and perverseness
and rely on them,
therefore this iniquity shall be to you
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out,
and about to collapse,
whose breaking comes suddenly, in an
instant;
and its breaking is like that of a potter’s
vessel
that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a shard is
found
with which to take fire from the hearth,
or to dip up water out of the cistern.”

GOSPEL READING:

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?” And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One
of Israel,

“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your
strength.”

But you were unwilling, and you said,
“No! We will flee upon horses”;
therefore you shall flee away;
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to
you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show
mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

Luke 22:54–71

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

HYMN: "What is the World to Me"

LSB# 730

SERMON: The Compassionate Word

Pastor David Benning

OFFERING PRAYER:

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.**

People: **O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

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

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord of All Hopefulness"

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Midweek 5: The Suffering Word
Soup Supper 5:30 Service 6:30pm

April 3, 2019

"I thirst." (John 19:28)