

GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN



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OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN....."Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440 v. 1, 2

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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INVOCATION & LITANY

- P** In the name of the Father,
- C** **Who has compassion on those whom he has created;**
- P** and of the Son,
- C** **Who has compassion on those whom he has redeemed;**
- P** and of the Holy Spirit,
- C** **Who has continual compassion on those in whom he dwells. Amen!**

Confession and Absolution

P As we continue this Lenten journey of love, and reflect on the extreme compassion our Lord God has for us even though we don't deserve it, let us confess our sinfulness, and plead for God's mercy on us.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

C **Heavenly Father, I, a destitute and unworthy sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I don't deserve your compassion. I deserve your wrath and punishment, I have sinned in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have sinned by doing bad things and by failing and forgetting to do good things. I plead for your mercy and grace. Have compassion on me, a poor sinful being.**

P God has, indeed, had compassion on you, and has taken away your sin! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

HYMN..... "My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430 v. 1, 4, 5, 7



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
 7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
 Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
 That He His foes From thence might free.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 49:8-15

⁸Thus says the LORD:

"In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you;
I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

They shall feed along the ways;

on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,

neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,

for he who has pity on them will lead them,

and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will make all my mountains a road,

and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,

and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

break forth, O mountains, into singing!

for the LORD has comforted his people

and will have compassion on his afflicted.

¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;

my Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: ROMANS 9:6-18

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹[Jesus said:] "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

G **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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SERMON: "Compassionate Love"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

READING OF THE PASSION STORY

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN....."Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435 v. 1, 3



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho-ly moun-tain, Sin-ners, ru-ined
3 Come in sor-row and con-tri-tion, Wound-ed, im-po-

by the fall; Here a pure and heal-ing foun-tain
tent, and blind; Here the guilt-y, free re-mis-sion,

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per-
Here the trou-bled, peace may find. Health this foun-tain

pet-ual tide, O-pened when our Sav-ior died.
will re-store; They that drink shall thirst no more.

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