

Service of Prayer and Proclamation

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Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS
Charleston, WV

As we gather the pastor enters in silence. After some time in that silence and meditation, the pastor prays the Prayer of the Day.

- P** Almighty God, look with mercy on this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,
C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- 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. 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.

THE READING OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- R** A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have

turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment, he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSCILES

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

Psalm 102:1

P In the day of my trouble I call upon You.

C for You answer me.

Psalm 86:7

P Hide Your face from my sins,

C and blot out all my iniquities.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C and renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from Your presence,

C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:9-12

P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C My lips will praise You.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

Psalm 102:1

P For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy. Psalm 63:3,7

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever. Psalm 86:11-12

P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore,
"God is great!" Psalm 70:4

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever. Psalm 28:9

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C Listen to my plea for grace. Psalm 86:6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

R A reading from 2nd Corinthians the fifth chapter.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 15:21-39

P The Gospel according to St. Mark the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also, the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

God's Eyes

A brief time of silence for reflection is kept.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us confess our sins.
- P** O Christ ...
- C** ... we are stripped bare by Your suffering. You see our dreams, our demons, and the secrets we keep even from ourselves. Forgive all that needs to be forgiven, heal all that needs to be healed, awaken all the good that sleeps in us, banish all the fears that paralyze us. Put the power of Your cross into our lives forever, and clothe us with faith, hope, and love.
- P** We have turned our hearts to God in repentance and our sins are laid bare before the cross of our Lord and King, Jesus the Christ. In the name of the living God – Father, Son ✝, and Holy Spirit – your sins are forgiven.

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

A candle is extinguished after each prayer

- P** God sent His only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. So, let us bring the needs of the whole world to the foot of the cross of Christ.

Let us lift up the Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty, eternal One will guide it, and gather it in unity and peace.

Holy God, You have shown Your glory to all nations in Christ Your Son. Guide the work of Your Church, help it to keep the faith, proclaim Your Name, and bring Your salvation to all people. Lord, in Your mercy:

- C** Hear our prayer.

The first candle is extinguished. (V1 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

- R** Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From earth-born passions set me free
And make me pure within

P Let us lift up all God's people in their vocation and service, for all pastors, missionaries, and teachers, for Pastor Harrison our Synod President and Pastor Wilson our District President, and for all who strive to grow in the one true faith.

Holy God, by Your Spirit You teach Your Church and make us holy: help each of us to do your work more faithfully, with greater urgency, and with our focus on the author and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The second candle is extinguished. (V2 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
With many a care opprest;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.

P Let us lift up all who confess Christ crucified, that God will bring unity to His people.

Holy God, in baptism You make us one in Christ: help us to persevere in the faith and make us one in love and service. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The third candle is extinguished. (V3 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my Health and Life.

P Let us lift up our congregation and her mission, that she would use her gifts to be the herald of the God News she is called to be.

O Lord God Almighty, since You bless Your servants with various and unusual gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to use them always to Your honor and glory – that we might be help, hope, and home, in the body of Christ and fully participate in Your mission to 'seek and to save what was lost.' Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The fourth candle is extinguished. (V4 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way

P Let us lift up all who do not look to Jesus Christ as Savior and all who do not put their trust in God.

Holy God, You created man and woman in Your image: draw all people to Yourself, that they may acknowledge You as the maker and redeemer of all, and know Christ's mercy and grace even as every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The fifth candle is extinguished. (V5 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
When floods the tempest high
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Savior, be Though nigh!

P Let us lift up our world that peace would prevail throughout creation, let us lift up those in authority and for all who shape our common life.

Holy God, You desire justice for all the earth: guide our leaders and guard all peoples in the way of righteousness, freedom, responsibility, and peace. Give Your Church the courage to be the conscience for the State that we might live quiet and godly lives honoring our Lord and Sovereign, Jesus the Christ. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The sixth candle is extinguished. (V6 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may the'eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

P Let us lift up the sick, the dying, and all who are in need; for the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed; for the unemployed and the underemployed; for those in darkness and despair.

Holy God, all tenderness, compassion, and healing flow from You: give strength to the weary and courage to the downhearted and show mercy to all who are in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The seventh candle is extinguished. (76 of 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me' is recited while the candle is extinguished.)

R Lord Jesus, think on me
That I may sing above
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee
The strains of praise and love.

P Most merciful God, we commit ourselves to You and Your mission and pray for the grace of a life of daily repentance and renewal, for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died and are alive in Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life, and the joy of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

C Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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.

After a time of silence, the pastor recesses in silence.

There is no Benediction until the Easter Service as the services in Holy Week are a continual worship of the Lord in His Passion and Resurrection.

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