

Lenten Midweek Vespers 2022 Places of the Passion – Calvary

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent April 6, 2022



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The Office of Vespers in the Season of Lent

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₩ Jesus, Mercy! ₩

A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:

Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Your holy Name; cleanse my heart of any worthless, evil, or distracting thoughts; enlighten my understanding; give me wisdom and love necessary to pray with attention, reverence, and devotion. Father, let my prayer be heard in Your presence, for it is offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

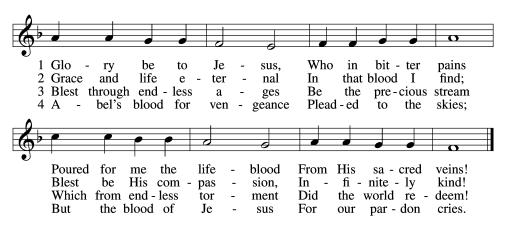
The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 433

"Glory Be to Jesus"



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!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76 Text and tune: Public domain The Opening Versicles and Gloria Patri:

- **P** O Lord, open my lips,
- **C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P 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.

The Congregation is seated.

▼ The Psalmody **▼**

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 40; antiphon: verse 11

- Ant. As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

 1 waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

- You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

 I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- ⁸I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
- ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
 I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
- P ¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
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- P ¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
- *Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

- P ¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
- rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!
- 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.
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Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word

P Let us pray.

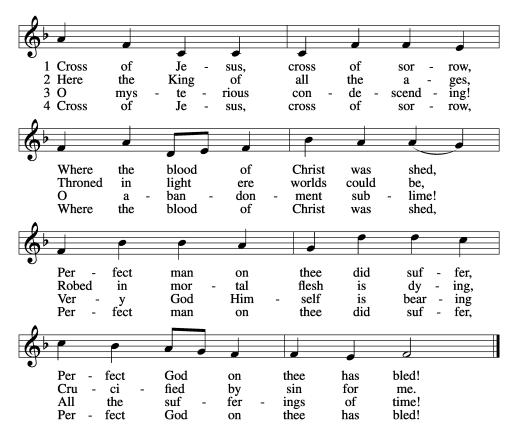
O God, none can compare with You; Your wondrous deeds for our salvation are without number. Make us bold witnesses to Your faithfulness, that all the earth may rejoice in Your love towards us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.



The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 428 "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"



Text: William J. Sparrow Simpson, 1860–1952

Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901 Text and tune: Public domain



▼ The Service of the Word **▼**

The Reading

The Passion History of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Four Evangelists
Part 5: Calvary

The soldiers now had charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out of the city to a place called Skull Hill, in Hebrew, *Golgotha*. As they led him away, they laid hold of Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country. On him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. Following him was a great company of people and of women who bewailed and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. The days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck.' Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things with a green tree, what will happen with a dry one?"

There were also two others, criminals whom they led along to be put to death with him. When they came to the place called Golgotha, they gave him wine mingled with gall to drink, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

It was the third hour, and there they crucified him.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The two criminals they also crucified with him—one on his right, the other on his left, with Jesus in the middle. The Scripture was then fulfilled which says, "And he was numbered with the transgressors."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they cast lots to divide his clothes and decide what each should take. They made four parts, one for each soldier. There remained his tunic, which was without seam, woven in one piece from the top to the bottom. They said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide who shall have it." The Scripture was thus fulfilled which says, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." These things the soldiers did and, sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

Over his head was put the charge against him. Pilate wrote the notice to be put on the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. This title was read by many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "You should not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.""

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

People stood by, watching. Those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him to one another saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross that we may see and believe. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God."

The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." The thieves who were crucified with him also reviled him. And one of the criminals who hung there with him railed at him:

"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Near to the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of them that were standing there heard it, they said, "He is calling for Elijah."

After this, Jesus knew that all things were accomplished. Fulfilling the Scripture he said, "I thirst." There was a jar of wine standing there. One of them ran immediately to get a sponge. He filled it with wine, put it on a reed, held it up to his mouth, and gave it to him to drink.

Others said, "Wait and see if Elijah will come and save him."

When Jesus had received the wine, he cried with a loud voice, "It is finished!" Then he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he died, he said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

All the people who had gathered to see the sight, when they saw what had happened, turned away beating their breasts. Those who had known him stood at a distance, as also the women who had followed him from Galilee. Among them was Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

It was the day of Preparation before the Sabbath, and this was Passover Sabbath. Therefore, so that the bodies should not remain on the crosses during the Sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies removed. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. One who saw it is our witness, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth that you also may believe. These things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones shall be broken." And again, another Scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

By this time evening had come. A respected member of the council, Joseph of Arimathea, was one who was looking for the kingdom of God, a good and righteous man who had not consented to their purpose and deed. He was a disciple of Jesus secretly, for he feared the Jews. Now he took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was astonished that he could be dead already. He called for the centurion and asked him whether Jesus was already dead. When he was assured by the centurion that it was so, Pilate granted Joseph the corpse and commanded that it be given over to him.

Joseph bought fine linen and came and took the body of Jesus. Nicodemus came also, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. It was he who had first come to Jesus by night. They then took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, where no one had ever been buried. Joseph laid the body in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, and rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were sitting there opposite the sepulcher and saw where he was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath day they rested according to the commandment.

On the next day, the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees went together to Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command that the sepulcher be made secure until the third day to stop his disciples from coming and stealing him and saying to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' making the final deception worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go and make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

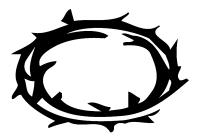
- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Responsory for Lent:

- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- **C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- P 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.
- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- **C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

The Sermon

Places of the Passion: Calvary—A Place for All



▼ The Canticle **▼**

The Congregation rises.

The Canticle at Vespers: Magnificat

Luke 1:46b-55; antiphon: 2 Corinthians 6:2c

- **P** Behold, now is the favorable time;
- **C** behold, now is the day of salvation.
- P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- **©** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- **P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- **©** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- **P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- **C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- P He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- **C** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- P He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- 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.
- **P** Behold, now is the favorable time;
- **C** behold, now is the day of salvation.

▼ The Prayers **▼**

The Kyrie Eleison:

- P O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.

The 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.

The Salutation and Collects:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

The Collect for the Fifth Week in Lent:

- P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Collect for the Lenten Season:

- P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Other Prayers and Intercessions may be offered.

The Collect of Intercession:

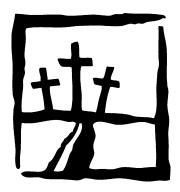
- P Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and be present with all, for Your love's sake.
- C Amen.

The Collect for Peace:

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Benedicamus and Blessing:

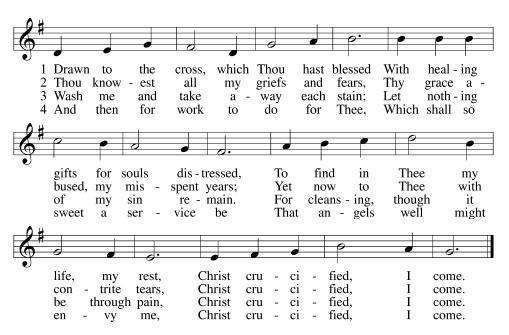
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 560

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"



Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928 Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96 Text and tune: Public domain

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Dismissal:

P Let us go in peace.

C In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday ▼ April 10, 2022

Solemn Liturgy of Palm Sunday – 9:30 AM

with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, the Reading of the Passion according to Saint Luke, Sermon: "The Triumphal Processions of the King", and the Celebration of Holy Communion

Solemn Liturgy of Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM

with Confession and Absolution, Sermon: "Love Outpoured", the Celebration of Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar in Preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday ♥ April 15, 2022

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday – 7:00 PM

with the Adoration of the Cross, the Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, Sermon: "You Can't Look Away", and the Good Friday Prayers for the Church and the World.

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord ♥ April 17, 2022

The Festival Celebration of Easter Day – 9:30 AM

The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament with Special Music, Sermon: "Memory Recall", the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the Celebration of Holy Communion.

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Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

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