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**March 30, 2022**

**7:00 PM Lent Service**

## Confession and Absolution

### 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.

Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel

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*Please stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{I}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

<sup>1</sup>Praise | the LORD!\*

**Praise the LORD, | O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes,\*

**in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*

**on that very day his plans | perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*

**whose hope is in the | LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,

**the sea, and all that is | in them,\***

who keeps faith for- | ever;

<sup>7</sup>**who executes justice for | the oppressed,\***

who gives food to the | hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the LORD loves the | righteous.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD watches over the sojourners;**

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*

**but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Genesis 42:6–24*

<sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." <sup>8</sup>And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup>And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." <sup>10</sup>They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup>We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."

<sup>12</sup>He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." <sup>13</sup>And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." <sup>14</sup>But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. <sup>15</sup>By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup>Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." <sup>17</sup>And he put them all together in custody for three days.

<sup>18</sup>On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup>if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, <sup>20</sup>and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not

die." And they did so. <sup>21</sup>Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." <sup>22</sup>And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." <sup>23</sup>They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. <sup>24</sup>Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 23:1–25*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."  
<sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." <sup>5</sup>But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup>So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and

said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore punish and release him."

<sup>18</sup>But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— <sup>19</sup>a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." <sup>23</sup>But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



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,  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



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;  
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



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,  
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



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.  
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
 And my conscience grieve me,  
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
 Peace of conscience give me.  
 Help me see forgiveness won  
 By Your holy passion.  
 If for me He slays His Son,  
 God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You,  
 Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above  
 Sing Your praise forever.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615  
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## Sermon

*Please stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

### Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.**

## Benediction (Aaronic)

**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.**

## 880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
 2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
 4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
 5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
 rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
 star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;  
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a - harm.  
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
 But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
 And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
 Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
 Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
 sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
 be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
 tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

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## **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Dinner at 6:00pm, Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 6 - Brisket

## **PALM SUNDAY SERVICES**

April 10<sup>th</sup>

8:15AM – Traditional Service with Communion

10:45AM – Contemporary Service with Communion

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

*with Communion*

## **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

## **EASTER MORNING SERVICES**

April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:15AM – Traditional Service with Communion

9:30AM – Easter Breakfast

10:45AM – Contemporary Service with Communion