# By My Hand, For My Sake Lent Service March 1, 2023 • Barabbas • We Gather At The Cross ... As Sinners Forgiven

Hymn:

Tune of Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed LSB 437

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

Responses from Lamentations 1 and 3, and Psalm 51

- Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.
- My transgressions are like a yoke about my neck, fastened by the hand of the Lord. They weigh so heavily upon me that my strength is gone.
- When we lift our hands in prayer to God in heaven, we should offer him our hearts and say, "We have sinned! We have rebelled against you!"

#### Hymn:

Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

- P He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God.
- He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.
- **P** All of us were like sheep that had wandered off.
- **G** We had each gone our own way,
- **P** but the Lord gave him the punishment we deserved.

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We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains he had to bear, But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

The Prayer Of The Day

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek, How kind you are to those who fall, How good to those who seek!

#### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

### **Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 38

- **P** God, in your great anger do not chastise or punish me.
- **G** Your arrows have struck deep; your hand weighs heavily upon me.
- **P** Because of your rage, my flesh wastes away.
- **G** Because of my sin, my bones grow brittle.

**P** I am bent by guilt, burdened by the load; my wounds reek and fester.

**G** Broken by folly, I walk in sorrow, grieving all the day long.

**P** My flesh burns, consumed by fever.

**G** Bruised and stamped upon, I cry out, groaning from the heart.

**P** Lord, you see all secrets, you hear my sighs.

**G** My heart breaks, all my strength has fled, even my eyes grow dim.

**P** God, do not leave me alone. Do not abandon me.

**C** Come, quickly save me, O God, my God.

### The New Testament Lesson

### Romans 5:6-11, 18-19

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many were made righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn:

#### My Song Is Love Unknown

 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
  A murderer they save,
  The Prince of Life they slay.
  Yet cheerful He
  To suff'ring goes
  That He His foes
  From thence might free.

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#### Hymn:

### "Our Savior Speaks in Grace" to the tune of Southwell SM

Our Savior speaks in grace, With words of mercy true: "Forgive them, Father," thus he prays; "They know not what they do."

Now hear the awful cry, Sin's dreadful burden see. "My God, my God," the Son shouts, "why Have you forsaken me?"

> Beneath the cross may I, For whom all this was done, Repentant and believing cry, "This truly is God's Son!"

**The Prayers** 

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 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.

### Hymn:

### Tune of Chief of Sinners Though I Be LSB 611

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Peace, to soothe our bitter woes, God in Christ on us bestows; Jesus bought our peace with God With his holy, precious blood; Peace in him for sinners found Is the Gospel's joyful sound.

### **Postlude:**

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