

By My Hand, For My Sake

Lent Service

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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 Isaiah 53)

P 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.

C **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.**

P 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!"

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

P Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the Lord in action?

C **Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the Lord.**

P He wasn't a handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us.

C **He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering.**

P No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

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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

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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!

Homily

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 24:17—25:1

Terror and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth! He who flees at the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is violently shaken. The earth staggers like a drunken man; it sways like a hut; its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it falls, and will not rise again. On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in

Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders. O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

from Psalm 55

P *Hear me, God! Do not turn away!*

C **Listen! Answer me! Grief cuts me to the core.**

P *My heart quivers, stricken by death's terrors.*

C **Fear has me in its grip, and I tremble.**

P *I pray for wings like a dove to fly far, far away.*

C **I would flee to the wilderness and build a nest there.**

P *There I would rest from this tempest, God.*

C **There, far from raging tongues.**

P *It was my friends who turned on me, not some foe I could shrug off, but close friends.*

C **We used to pray together.**

P *But you have listened, God. You have heard my case.*

C **You break their power over me, saving God. You give me peace.**

P *Take my burden, God; save me from stumbling.*

C **I will trust in you always.**

New Testament Lesson

Romans 1:16-25

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For

his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.

Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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Hymn: **"Our Savior Speaks in Grace"** *to the tune Southwell SM*

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

"'Tis finished," says the Lord.
The burden on him laid
Of sinful thought and deed and word—
The debt is fully paid.

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.

Closing 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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