

By My Hand, For My Sake

Lent Service

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• Nicodemus •

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 52)

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 The Lord says: My servant will succeed! He will be given great praise and the highest honors. Many were horrified at what happened to him.

C **But everyone who saw him was even more horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human.**

P My servant will make nations worthy to worship me; kings will be silent as they bow in wonder. They will see and think about things they have never seen or thought about before.

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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

Hymn:

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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 41:8-13

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 16

P Keep me, God. You are my safety, my only happiness. I delight in fidelity.

C **Those who chase other gods bring troubles upon themselves. When they pour out blood offerings and praise the names of idols, I will not join them.**

P You, God, are all I have; everything depends on you.

C **You guide me; you teach my heart, O God.**

P I will bless you.

C **I will think of you always, mindful of your presence, O God my strength.**

P You will not abandon me or leave me among the dead.

C **No, you will lead me to life, to endless joy, at your right hand, forever.**

New Testament Lesson

Romans 3:19-26

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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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.”

To Mary, looking on,
“Behold your son,” he says.
“Behold your mother,” thus on John
Love’s burden gently lays.

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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