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Lenten Midweek 2



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

In tonight's sermon text, Jesus uses the parable of the money lender to show the Pharisees the value of forgiven debt. Tears of guilt and shame still flow in a repentant flood from the heart at Jesus' feet. The man who fails to see his own sin, considers himself to have little need of a Savior. The heart of faith, however, recognizes its own debt of sin and can truly appreciate the depth of God's gracious forgiveness. The life of a Christian is one of constant repentance of sins, and trust in Christ for forgiveness.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 140 - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5, 7-9; 2:2; Hebrews 4:16

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C **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.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

- P** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
C **we were like those who dream.**
P Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
C **and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
P then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
C **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**
P Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
C **like streams in the Negeb!**
P Those who sow in tears
C **shall reap with shouts of joy!**
P He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
C **shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Passion History

The Lord’s Supper

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill Him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Then Satan entered into Judas, called Iscariot, who was of the number of the Twelve. Then he went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?” They were glad, and agreed to give him money. They paid him thirty pieces of silver. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” They said to Him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters, and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you: My time is at hand; where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished;

prepare it there.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve, and the apostles with Him. And Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Now He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you. For this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” And they all drank of it.

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just

as I have done to you. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

As they were eating, Jesus was troubled in His Spirit and He testified, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me. The Son of man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Judas, who would betray Him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.” Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.”

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

TLH 652 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Sermon Text

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



Sermon

Tears of Love

Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
 King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
 Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -
 scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my
 hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest

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TLH 140 - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Luke 18: 31-34

Jesu, deine Passion
Sigmund v. Birken, 1652
Tr., August Cruil, 1923, alt.

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Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein
Melchior Vulpius, 1609



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Thy ho - ly Pas - sion;
2 Make me see Thy great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - fic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Thy Pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Thy Pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing



With Thy Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Thy cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Nor Thee cru - ci - fy a - new 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 Thee,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Thy deep af - fic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Thy suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.
This in - deed the cause hath been Of Thy cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure? A - men.



5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm,
Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee
And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me,
God must have compassion.

6 Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above
Sing Thy praise forever. .

TLH 652 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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John 1: 29

Horatius Bonar, 1848

Aurelia

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot-less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus, All ful-ness dwells in Him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea-ry soul of mine;
 4 I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov-ing, low - ly, mild;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac-curs-ed load.
 He heal-eth my dis-eas-es, He doth my soul re-deem.
 His right hand me em-brac-es, I on His breast re-cline.
 I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa-ther's ho - ly Child.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim-son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur-dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im-man-uel, Christ, the Lord;
 I long to be with Je - sus A - mid the heav'n-ly throng

White in His blood most pre-cious Till not a spot re-mains.
 He from them all re-leas-es, He all my sor-rows shares.
 Like fra-grance on the breez-es His name a-broad is poured.
 To sing with saints His prais-es, To learn the an-gels' song. A-men.

TLH 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest

John 12 : 32

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Genevieve M. Irons, 1880

Dunstan

Joseph Barnby, 1885



- 1 Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest With healing gifts for souls distrest,
- 2 Thou know-est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
- 3 Wash me and take a-way each stain; Let noth-ing of my sin re-main.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a ser-vice be



To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.
For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come.
That an-gels well might en-vy me, Christ Cru-ci-fied, I come. A - men.





