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Lenten Midweek 5



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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And when he drew near and
saw the city, he wept over it...

- Luke 19:41

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As We Gather

Tonight, we see Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. He weeps over their present blindness and future fate. His heart still breaks for those who have not yet received His Word. As we gather this evening, we pray for our family, friends, and neighbors that they would receive Jesus, who came in compassion to seek and save the lost. We pray also that we would continue to hear God's Word.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 158 – Glory be to Jesus

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 39

- P** I said, “I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue;
C **I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence.”**
- P** I was mute and silent;
C **I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse.**
- P** My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned;
C **then I spoke with my tongue:**
- P** “O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
C **let me know how fleeting I am!**
- P** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
C **Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**
- P** Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
C **man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!**
- P** “And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
C **My hope is in you.**
- P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.
C **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**
- P** I am mute; I do not open my mouth,
C **for it is you who have done it.**
- P** Remove your stroke from me;
C **I am spent by the hostility of your hand.**
- P** When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
C **surely all mankind is a mere breath!**
- P** “Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
C **hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**
- P** Look away from me, that I may smile again,
C **before I depart and am no more!”**

The chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this Man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. 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."

But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him."

When Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man," they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 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. 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. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his

soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 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. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him.”

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. Among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered Him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus. Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let Him be crucified!” 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.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. 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.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out,

“Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and, in Aramaic, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

Pilate turned Jesus over to the chief priests, the Sanhedrin, and the people in order to do their will. The soldiers stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

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 145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Sermon Text

Luke 19:41-44

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”



Sermon

Tears for Jerusalem

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.

Hymn

TLH 419 – O'er Jerusalem Thou Weapest

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 558 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

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TLH 158 – Glory be to Jesus

1 Pet. 1: 19

Vival viva! Gesù

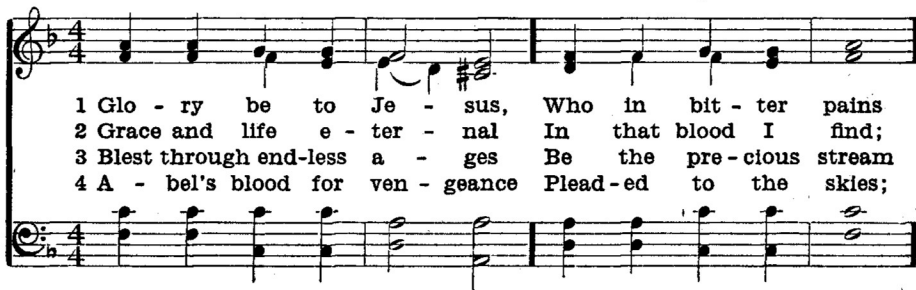
Italian, 18th century, cento

Tr., Edward Caswall, 1857

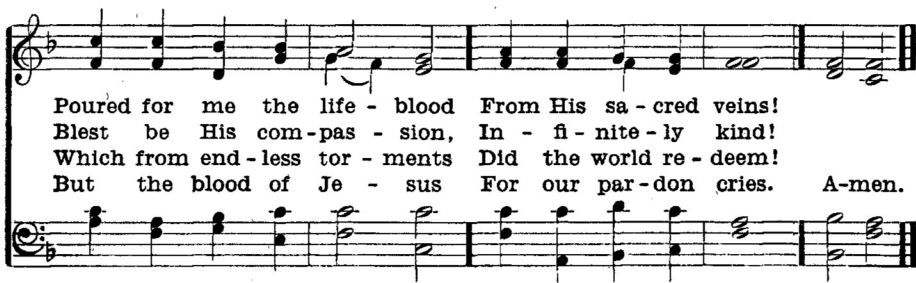
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Wem in Leidenstagen

Friedrich Filitz, 1847



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end-less a - ges Be the pre-cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead-ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com-pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par-don cries. A-men.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

TLH 145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Mark 15 : 29, 30

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Giesù sommo conforto
Girolamo Savonarola, 1563
Tr., Jane F. Wilde, 1853

O du Liebe
"Musikalischer Christenschatz"
Basel, 1745



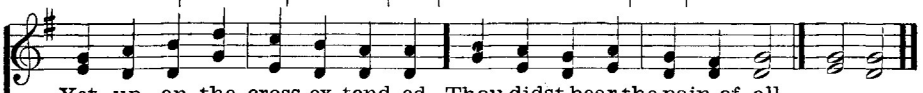
1 Je - sus, Ref-uge of the wea-ry, Blest Re-deem-er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un-heed-ing, Breath-ing no re-pen-tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn-ing With more fer-vent love for Thee!



Foun-tain in life's des-ert drear-y, Sav-ior from the world a-bove,
Tho' we see Thee wound-ed, bleed-ing, See Thy thorn-en-cir-cled brow?
May our eyes be ev-er turn-ing To Thy cross of ag-o-ny



Oh, how oft Thine eyes, of-fend-ed, Gaze up-on the sin-ner's fall!
Yet Thy sin-less death hath bro't us Life e-ter-nal, peace, and rest;
Till in glo-ry, part-ed nev-er From the bless-ed Sav-ior's side,



Yet, up-on the cross ex-tend-ed, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
On-ly what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.
Grav-en in our hearts for-ev-er, Dwell the cross, the Cru-ci-fied! A-men.

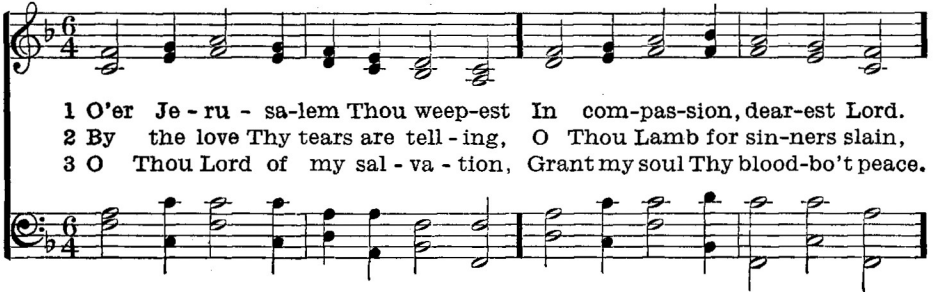


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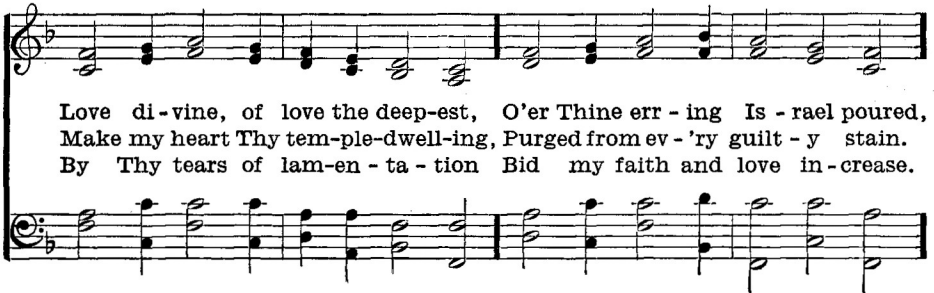
Luke 19 : 41
Anna Hoppe, 1919

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"Genevan Psalter," 1551



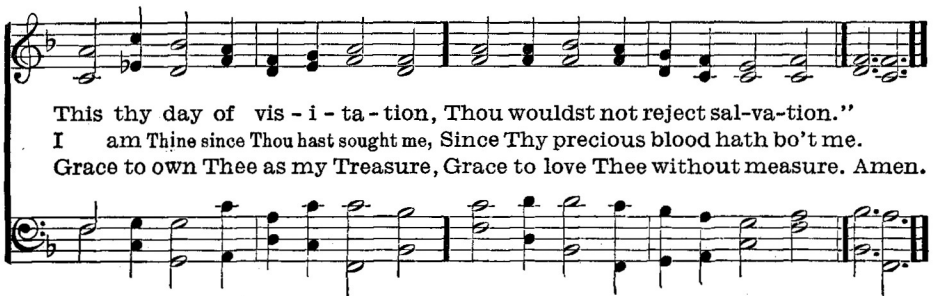
1 O'er Je - ru - sa - lem Thou weep - est In com - pas - sion, dear - est Lord.
2 By the love Thy tears are tell - ing, O Thou Lamb for sin - ners slain,
3 O Thou Lord of my sal - va - tion, Grant my soul Thy blood - bo't peace.



Love di - vine, of love the deep - est, O'er Thine err - ing Is - rael poured,
Make my heart Thy tem - ple - dwell - ing, Purged from ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
By Thy tears of lam - en - ta - tion Bid my faith and love in - crease.



Ori - eth out in bit - ter moan: "O loved cit - y, hadst thou known
Oh, for - give, for - give, my sin! Cleanse me, cleanse me, Lord, with - in!
Grant me grace to love Thy Word, Grace to keep the mes - sage heard,



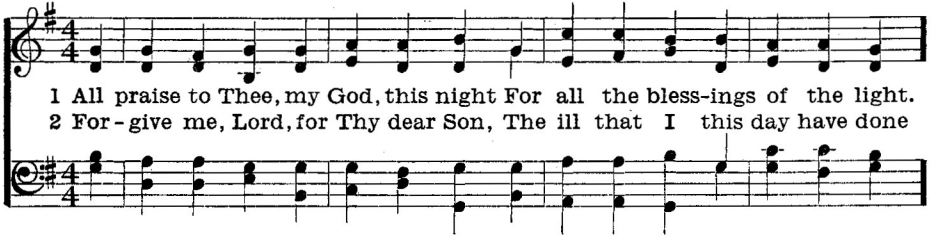
This thy day of vis - i - ta - tion, Thou wouldst not reject sal - va - tion."
I am Thine since Thou hast sought me, Since Thy precious blood hath bo't me.
Grace to own Thee as my Treasure, Grace to love Thee without measure. Amen.

TLH 558 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

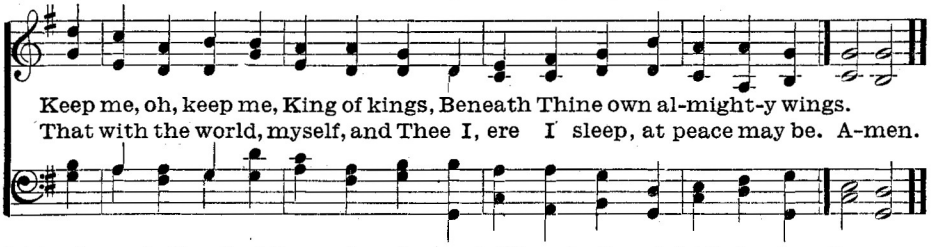
Ps. 91: 4
Thomas Ken, 1695, cento

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Tallis' Canon
Thomas Tallis, c. 1567



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the bless-ings of the light.
2 For-give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own al-might-y wings.
That with the world, myself, and Thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be. A-men.

- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full Day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vigorous
make
To serve my God when I awake!
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.