

LENTEN MIDWEEK SIX

March 21, 2018

SPEAKING of CHRIST on the CROSS

"Joy"

JESUS LEADS US TO HIS CROSS

HYMN SING

JESUS IS BURIED

Mark 15:42-47

CALL TO WORSHIP

[LSB
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In the Cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo it glows with peace and joy.

WE ARE DELIVERED TO CHRIST ON THE CROSS

(Isaiah 53)

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,

C: And we esteemed him not.

L: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him

C: Stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

L: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon
him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C: And with his wounds we are healed.

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;

C: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

L: He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

C: He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for all transgressors.

L: This he did all for us. And now, all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
have been baptized into his death on the cross, in order that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Your
sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: In the shadow of the cross, we confess our faith in Christ:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus
Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He
descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

L: Merciful Father, through the death of your Son on the cross, Christ has blotted out
our transgressions and cleansed us from sin. As you create clean hearts within us, so
also renew us with your Holy Spirit.

**C: Then we will speak of Christ on the cross to our neighbors and friends, and
many will open their lips to declare your praise with us.**

L: We pray in the name of the Christ who went to the cross for us.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

THE TOMB IS SEALED

Matthew 27:62-66

A Moment to Consider: Fear and Denial

HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

[LW 430]

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?

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!

SPOKEN FROM THE CROSS - "Joy"

Hebrews 12:1b-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" [LSB 422]

On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

GIVING IT UP FOR LENT ... AND TO JESUS

(Offering and Attendance Registration)

*As we consider the great sacrifice Jesus made for us, and his incredible love for the lost,
we offer our financial and personal support for the advance of his kingdom.*

WE TALK WITH JESUS

A TIME FOR PRAYER

L: Gracious God, in the abundance of your love,
C: **You call us from death to life,**
L: From silence to speech and from idleness to action.
C: **With these gifts we offer ourselves to you,**
L: And with the Church through all ages,

C: We give thanks for your saving love in Jesus our Lord.

After each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be ... Amen.

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BENEDICTION AND PEACE

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday with Communion - March 25th - 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - March 29th - "Journey to the Cross"

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come when you can, stay as long as you want!

Good Friday - March 30th

Service with Communion - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae with Communion - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 1st

Sunrise Service with Communion - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast between 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. - With children's tables and activities.

Festival Service with Communion - 10:30 a.m.

All children in attendance will play a special part in this service!

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