

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MARCH 25, 2020 – 12:15 & 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435, Sts. 1, 4

1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

C: He is like a tree planted by streams of water.

P: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed
me to bring good news to the poor;

C: that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord.

P: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,

C: for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our heavenly Father.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are bound to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have “eaten forbidden fruit” in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have not produced spiritual fruit in keeping with the new life You have won for us. For the sake of Jesus’ sacrifice on the tree of the cross, grant us Your forgiveness. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Amen.

P: After His triumph over Satan’s temptations in the wilderness, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth and announced that the prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled in Him. The prophet had written, “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me . . . to grant to those who mourn in Zion . . . a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM

P: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted. You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

C: they flow between the hills;

P: they give drink to every beast of the field;

C: the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

P: Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;

C: they sing among the branches.

P: From Your lofty abode You water the mountains;

C: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your work.

P: You cause the grass to grow for the livestock

C: and plants for man to cultivate,

P: that he may bring forth food from the earth

C: and wine to gladden the heart of man,

P: oil to make his face shine

C: and bread to strengthen man's heart.

P: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,

C: the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

P: In them the birds build their nests;

C: the stork has her home in the fir trees.

P: The high mountains are for the wild goats;

C: the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:1 - 6

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 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, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11 - 25

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:27 - 32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C: Glory to You O Lord. (spoken)

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. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

RESPONSORY Isaiah 11:1, 10; 1 Peter 2:24

P: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

C: Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

P: In that day the Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

C: Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

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SERMON HYMN "We Are Called To Stand Together" LSB 828

1 We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets

In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!

2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt His power,
Saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.

3 Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.

4 Now in many tongues and cultures
Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior
Honor Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

5 To each coming generation
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended,
Till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united
Under Christ's eternal reign!

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SERMON - A Cross to Bear...Literally!

CREED OF THE CHURCH Apostles' Creed

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.

OFFERING –

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[After each petition]

P: Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God Almighty—who created you, forgave all your sins, and strengthens you for service in His kingdom—be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

