

LENTEN MIDWEEK FOUR

March 7, 2018

SPEAKING of CHRIST on the CROSS

"Wisdom"

JESUS LEADS US TO HIS CROSS

HYMN SING

JESUS IS MOCKED

Mark 15:21-32

CALL TO WORSHIP (1:00p.m.)

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" [LSB 428]

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me

ANTHEM (7:00 p.m.) *"If I Could Just Have Been There?"* J. Parks

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.

INTROIT

[LSB
428]

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God himself is bearing Al the sufferings of time!

THE WORD

WISDOM AND POWER

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

HYMN

"O Perfect Life of Love"

LSB 452

SPOKEN FROM THE CROSS - "Wisdom"

1 Corinthians 1:18

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" [LSB 421]

O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power Since you crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection

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.*

† COMMUNION LITURGY †

OFFERTORY

[LSB 421]

Every wound that pains or grieves me By your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet Every bitter cup I meet;
For your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.

PREPARATION

P: In the midst of our Lenten journey, we come to Jesus for peace and hope, for Him to lead us away from temptation, and for our Savior to speak forgiveness to us from his cross.

C: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in steadfast love.

C: Jesus said: If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of all people.

P: Christ speaks from the cross: Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434

DISTRIBUTION

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LSB 437

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

LSB 419

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

[LSB 889]

(Tune: Old Hundreth)

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray!

Thy grace to us allow And be our guard and keeper now.

From all the terrors of the night, From evil dreams defend our sight;

Drive far away our wicked foe That stain of sin we may now know

O Father, this we ask be done through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee Both lives and reigns eternally. Amen.

COLLECT

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Lord God, our shepherd, you gather the lambs of your flock into the arms of your mercy and bring them home Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

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