

## † PREPARATION †

**HYMN**        *“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” LSB #451 (David plays a full verse as introduction)*

*Kneel*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**        *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

Pastor:        Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**People:        For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

Pastor:        Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*

Pastor:        Jesus, our High Priest,

**People:        We humbly confess to You that we are weak. In our weakness, we sin against You and one another with our words and actions, and in our thoughts and the lack thereof. Our sins cut us off from You. We know that the wages of sin is death, and we keep on sinning. We deserve death. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and lives and conform them to Yours, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor:        In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Jesus freely gives us what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

*Stand*

## † WORD †

**INTROIT** *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

**Pastor:** He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

**People:** **O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

**Pastor:** For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.

**People:** **There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

**Pastor:** For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

**People:** **I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.**

**Pastor:** Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

**People:** **He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

**KYRIE** *Hebrews 12:1–2*

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is about to be extinguished.

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Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**People: 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,**

Pastor: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
**People: 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.**

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 31; antiphon: v. 1*

**Pastor:** In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

**People:** **Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

**Pastor:** For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

**People:** **Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

**Pastor:** I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

**People:** **I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul, and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.**

**Pastor:** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**People:** **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

Pastor: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**People: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

Pastor: For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**People: But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

Pastor: My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

**People: Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!**

Pastor: O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.

**People: Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.**

Pastor: Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

**People: In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues.**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

**People: I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from Your sight.” But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.**

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you His saints!

**People: The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

**People:**       **In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!**

**EPISTLE**       *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

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**Pastor:**       This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**       *Isaiah 53:4*

**Pastor:**       Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**People:**       **yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**       *John 19:17–30*

**Pastor:**       The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**People:**       **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate

also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."<sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.<sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,<sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things,<sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: **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.**

***Sit***

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB #611*

**SERMON**

**MEDITATION**

***Stand***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You revealed Your glory to the world through Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. Root us firmly in Your Word. Nourish us with Your Supper. Lead us to bear witness to the world of Your love through our good deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, on this night we remember the sacrifice of Your Son for the sins of the world. We grieve His suffering and death. We feel shame for our sins. We are thankful we are forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Gracious Father, we grieve the deaths of all the children who have died in the wombs of their mothers. We grieve with all the parents who have had to bury

a child. Provide comfort and healing to all who mourn losses in this life. Give consolation and strength to all who experience suffering and sorrow in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Lord God, on this night, we remember how Your Son's death was orchestrated by the religious and governing authorities. Lead and guide those who serve Your church on earth, [*especially . . .*], that they may faithfully serve You and Your church. Lead and guide those who lead our nation, [*especially . . .*], that they may serve our nation, state, and community for Your good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We pray that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, that they may have the same love and be of one heart and mind with us and Your church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

## **RESPONSORY**

Pastor:        We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**People:**       **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor:        Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

**People:**       **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor:        We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**People:**       **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor:                 Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**     *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People:**      **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.**

*Sit*

**TENEBRAE SEQUENCE**      *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

**PASSION READING** *John 18:1-11*

*The first candle is extinguished.*

**KYRIE**

**Pastor:**      Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:**      **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Pastor:**      Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN**      *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” LSB #440, verses 1 & 2*

**Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish**

**Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.  
Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion:  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.**



**PASSION READING** *John 18:12–27*

*The second candle is extinguished.*

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN** *“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB #436, verses 1 & 2*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**PASSION READING** *John 18:28–40*

*The third candle is extinguished.*

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN** "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB #439, verses 1-3

**O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?**

**They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.**

**Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.**

**PASSION READING** *John 19:1-16a*

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #449, verses 1 & 2

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.**

**Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, and grant to me Thy grace.**

**PASSION READING** *John 19:16b–24*

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB #425, verses 1-3*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**PASSION READING** *John 19:25–30*

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN** "Were You There" LSB #456, verses 1-3

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**PASSION READING** *John 19:31–42*

*The final candle is extinguished and the eternal flame is hidden in the dark.*

## **STREPITUS**

*A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb.*

*Observe silence as the lights become brighter, anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday.*

*The gathered exit in silence.*

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