

with my disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

The disciples did as Jesus had directed them. They came into the city and found it as he had told them; and they made ready the Passover."

**HYMN** "Jesus I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440  
Vs. 1 – Sigmund, Vs. 2-3 - Tiaden

**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 suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Jesus, as you set the feast, To give Yourself for them  
Knowing that you were to die, You prepared those with You.  
Set my heart on you alone, As I prepare for You;  
To receive your own shed blood, In this sacrament.**

**Set before my heart anew, The gift given to save me.  
May I see Your body there, In Your sacrifice.  
Share that peace in this great gift, That I may not flounder,  
Strengthen me by this great love, That you set before me.**

### SERMON - PREPARATION

**APOSTLES CREED** (*back page of Hymnal*)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Create In Me" LSB 192

### PRAYERS

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Abide with Me" LSB 878

## PREPARATION

*(Imposition of Ashes at front of Sanctuary –  
Also available when we come to nail our sins upon the cross.)*

**HYMN** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 435

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, the season of Lent. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times this season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

May our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth. Let us pray.

**People: Gracious Father in heaven, when You made all things You set in motion the seasons and cycles of creation. Be with us now, we pray, during this season which Your Church has set aside for special devotion and repentance. Bless our Lententide so that our special ritual and devotion might not be shallow or empty. Rather, may our self-examination be genuine and our worship be born of true devotion and faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 (vs. 1-4)

**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Joel 2:12-19

**Pastor:** "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

**Lector:** Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

**People: Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing---grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.**

**Lector:** Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.

**People:** Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say,

Pastor: "Spare Your people, O Lord. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

Lector: Then the Lord will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people. The Lord will reply to them:

Pastor: "I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations."

## CONFESSION

**ALL:** (LSB 609) "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

**Oh, how blest it is to know;  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these word I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

Pastor: Let us return to the Lord our God in confession and repentance.

**People:** Heavenly Father, we confess our many sins to You. By our very nature, we are sinful human beings who have been condemned by the fall. What is more, we continually sin against You by our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

Pastor: We confess before You particular sins that are known to us.

*Here follows a time of silence for the worshipers to reflect and write on the provided piece of paper a sin with which you struggle. No names please.*

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us from the condemnation of sin, we humbly beseech You to

**People:** forgive us our terrible sins and help us by Your Holy Spirit to live in faith and repentance.

Pastor: As the ancient Israelites repented of their sin and sat in sackcloth and ashes, we likewise come to You, fully aware that because of sin we are but frail human beings.

*We come forward and nail our individual sins to the cross.*

**ALL: Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

## ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear the Good News of God! Through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, God takes away all our guilt and punishment. By His own command, I declare to you this solemn day, that, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**ALL: Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

## OLD TESTAMENT VERSE

Isaiah 52:1-2

**HOLY GOSPEL** The Passion of our Lord: Drawn from the 4 Gospels

+ Jesus said: "know that after two days is the Feast of the Passover, and the Son of Man will be given over to be crucified."

+ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, also called the Passover, drew near, and the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him. They assembled with the elders of the people in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted how they might take Jesus craftily and put him to death. But they said, "Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people."

+ Then Satan entered into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, one of the Twelve. He went his way to the chief priests and captains and spoke together with them how he might betray Jesus to them. They were glad to hear him. He said to them, "What will you give me to betray him to you?"

They promised to give him money and agreed with him for thirty pieces of silver. He accepted, and from that time he sought opportunity to betray him in the absence of the multitude.

+ Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread when they sacrificed the Passover lamb. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover, that we may eat it."

They said to him "where do you want us to prepare it?"

+ He said to them, Go into the city and, when you have entered the city, watch for a man bearing a pitcher of water. When he meets you, follow him into the house where he enters. You shall say to the man who lives there, 'The Master says to you, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house, Where is the guest chamber where I shall eat the Passover