

Prayers For the Body of Christ

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: listen to my cry. (*Psalm 102:1*)

Pastor: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

People: hide me in the shadow of Your wings. (*Psalm 17:8*)

Pastor: In righteousness I shall see You;

People: when I awake, Your presence will give me joy. (*Psalm 17:15*)

Pastor: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Be our light in darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Communion (page 179 right column)

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord watch over you and protect you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

Hymn: 439 (vs. 1,4,6) "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"



"The Arrest" **Thur., March 4, 2021**

Hymn: LSB 420 (vs. 1, 2, 5, 7) "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Pastor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

People: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

People: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

Pastor: to herald Your love in the morning,

People: Your truth at the close of the day.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
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First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-3

Call to Worship

Pastor: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written:

People: "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

Pastor: Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for

People: “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Pastor: But the law is not of faith, rather

People: “The one who does them shall live by them.”

Pastor: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written. .

People: Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

Pastor: so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” *(Galatians 3:10-14)*

Prayer of the Day

Passion Reading

+ Even while Jesus was saying this, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a detachment and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the place with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went out to them and said, “Whom to you seek?”

The answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am He.”

+ Judas, who betrayed Him, had taken his stand with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again, He asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus replied, “I told you that I am He. If I am the one you seek then let these go away.” This was to fulfill the word He had spoken, “Of those you gave me I have lost none.”

+ Now, He that was betraying Jesus had given them a sign, saying, “The one whom I shall kiss, that is He; seize Him and be sure to take Him away securely.” He went straight up to Jesus and said, “Hail, Master,” and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come? Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

+ They came then and laid their hands on Jesus and took him. When those who were about Him saw what would happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” The Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

+ Jesus answered and said, “Let it be.” And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you not imagine that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He will presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that this it must be? The cup which my Father has given Me, shall I not drink of it?”

+ Then Jesus said to the chief priests, and the captains of the temple, and the elders who had come out against Him, “Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs to take me? When I was with you day after day teaching in the temple, you did not lay your hands on me; but this is your hour and the hour of the power of darkness. All this has happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

+ There was a certain young man who followed along. He had only a linen cloth about his naked body. They laid hold on him, but he slipped out of the linen cloth and fled away naked.

+ Then the detachment and its captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first; for he was the father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it was good that one man should die for the people.

Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now – LSB 440

**1 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.**

**2 Hav -ing prayed un – to the Lord You gath -ered those with You.
Turn – ing ‘round to face the horde, There was Judas too –
“Friend why have you come to me? Be -tray me with a kiss?
Then, they laid their hands on Thee, Satan gave a loud hiss.**

**3 When I see what was there done to the law ful -fill -er
Your passion was there be -gun As the law was no -where
Yet, You were A – bused as such That I may be fre-ed
Of Your wrath that was too much. That shall be my cre - ed.**

Sermon: “The Arrest”