

Sermon: "Upon the Cross"

Prayers For the Body of Christ

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

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

Pastor: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

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

Pastor: In righteousness I shall see You;

People: when I awake, Your presence will give me joy. (*Psalms 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

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: LSB 447 (Vs. 13, 16, 19) "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"



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Thursday, March 25

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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.

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First Reading: Isaiah 53:12

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."

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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

+ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they cast lots to divide his clothes and decide what each should take. They made four parts, one for each soldier. There remained his tunic. This was without seam, woven in one piece from the top to the bottom. They said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide who shall have it.” The Scripture was thus fulfilled which says, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” These things the soldiers did and, sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

+ Over his head was put the charge against him. Pilate wrote the notice to be put on the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. This title was read by many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, “You should not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but ‘This man said, I am the King of the Jews’”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

+ People stood by, watching. Those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

+ So also, the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him to one another saying, “He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross that we may see and believe. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

+ The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” The thieves also who were crucified with him cast the same in his teeth. And one of the criminals who hung there with him mocked him.

“Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

+ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

+ Near to the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

+ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

When some of them that were standing there hear it, they said, “He is calling for Elijah.”

+ After this, Jesus knew that all things were accomplished. Fulfilling the Scripture, he said, “I thirst.” There was a jar of wine standing there. One of them ran immediately to get a sponge. He filled it with wine, put it on a reed, held it up to his mouth, and gave it to him to drink.

Others said, “Wait and see if Elijah will come and save him.”

+ When Jesus had received the wine, he cried with a loud voice, “It is finished!” Then he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn: LSB 440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

**As Je – sus was on the tree, His own bo – dy shre – d.
His own clothes they took with glee, as His blood was she – d.
Then God’s plan was ma – de bare. That His Word be ful – filled,
Christ did not save him – self there so that we be re – built.**

**My tears flow as You there wain taking what no oth – er.
In the midst of all that pain You saw there Your mo – ther.
It fell on You to call on a – no – there to love her.
You took care of her through John: “Be – hold Your own mo – ther.”**

**With loud voice as the one Son: “Why am I for – sa – ken?”
Know – ing that it was now done: “I thirst” You said shak – en.
When you had received the wine: “It is fi – nished!” The plan!
Bow – ing Your own head, a sign: “Fa – ther in – to Your hands.”**