

ST. JOHN'S AND PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES
HOME WORSHIP SERVICE BULLETIN

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

Due to the precautions involving the spreading of COVID-19, services at our churches have been suspended. In place of these services, you are encouraged to use this bulletin and the recorded sermon and hymn mp3s for your home worship.

Opening Hymn 170 "O Perfect Life of Love"

(Play the mp3 tune for 170)

1. O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.
2. No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.
3. No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.
4. And on His thorn-crowned head And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all that guilt were laid That He might make us whole.
5. In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.
6. In every time of need, Before the judgment-throne,
Thy works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.
7. Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought,
And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen.

R: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

All: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

R: Rejoice, dear repentant sinners! Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. Because of His atoning sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, we are forgiven.

G: The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Amen.

Prayer

R: Gracious Redeemer, grant Your blessing to us during this Lenten season. Let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Yours, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we by faith always see You as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes.

G: Hear us, for Your love's sake. Amen.

The Passion History Reading – Part VII -- The Burial of Our Lord

(read by the Reader, or take turns with family members)

And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances and many women also were there, standing at a distance, looking on from afar, watching these things. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's sons. They had followed Him from Galilee, ministering to Him. And there were many other women who had accompanied Him from Galilee and came with Him to Jerusalem.

Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Jesus; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were

done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

And after these things, when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that, the day before the Sabbath, behold, there came a rich man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews. He was a good and just man, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. He was a prominent council member, but he had not consented to their counsel and deed. This man took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, that he might take it away. And Pilate marveled that He was already dead, and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. And when he found out from the centurion, Pilate gave him permission and commanded the body to be given to Joseph.



Then Joseph bought fine linen and came and took the body of Jesus down. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and wrapped and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden Joseph's own new tomb, that was hewn out of the rock, in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because of the Jew's Preparation Day -- that day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near -- because the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, the mother of Joseph, sitting opposite the grave. They observed the tomb, and where and how His body was laid. And Joseph rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away. And the women returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise'.

Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.



CONFESSION OF FAITH - ALL

(from the Formula of Concord – on Justification by Faith)

“We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God. A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own. This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel. Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

This is most certainly true!

Sermon

Play the audio recording Pastor Naumann sent with this service bulletin.

John 19:17-22 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'" " 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Theme: "The King of Kings: Life through Death"

Prayers

Lord God, give us strength and willingness to say with your Son, "Not my will but your will be done." Make us cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to us. From your hand we am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep us from sin, gracious Father, and comfort us with your kind Word so that we may reflect Your love to all mankind.

Our prayers go up to Your throne of grace and mercy in behalf of our homes, our congregations, our nation, and the world in our current pandemic. We ask, that according to Your will, You would provide healing for those who have contracted the virus and that You would soon bring an end to the pandemic. Especially, O Lord, protect the elderly and those who are in particular danger. Guard and defend all our medical personnel who care for the sick. We pray for all our families and friends, and for our fellow believers throughout the CLC and our sister synods overseas.

**In Your name we pray as you have taught us:
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.**

BLESSING

Reader: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

Group: Amen.

Closing Hymn 724 "Jesus, Remember Me"

(Play the mp3 tune for 724)

1. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.
2. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. Amen.