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Isaiah 53:9

Christ died “with wicked men” . . . The Father provided for His Son an honorable burial, in a grave owned by “a rich man.” By His temporary rest in the grave, Christ has sanctified your grave and made it temporary.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

All enter the church in silence.

COLLECT

P 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 on 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:3-12

³ 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.

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

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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?

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Make our hearts to be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, it was Your will that Your Son would carry for us the pains of the cross and in that way take the power of the adversary away from threatening us. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion so that we receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:28-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451

SERMON

“Closing in on Death

Isaiah 53:3-12; John 19:28-30

APOSTLES’ CREED

C **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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.**

† PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST †

PRAYER

- P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for the forgiveness of those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in Your peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” Vs. 1, 6

LSB 440

Pastor: *The Passion of our Lord according to St. John, the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters.*

PASSION

John 18:1–12

Jesus is arrested.

HYMN

**“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”
Vs. 1–2**

LSB 421

The first candle is extinguished.

PASSION

John 18:15-18a, 25-27

Peter denies Jesus.

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” Vs. 1–2

LSB 451

The second candle is extinguished.

PASSION

John 18:28–19:11

Pilate questions Jesus.

Lector: Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

ALL: If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.

Pilate: Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.

ALL: It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.

Lector: This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?

Pilate: Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?

Jesus: My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.

Pilate: *So you are a king?*

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.

Pilate: *What is truth?*

Lector: After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

Pilate: *I find no guilt in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?*

ALL: **Not this man, but Barabbas!**

Lector: Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying,

ALL: **Hail, King of the Jews!**

Lector: and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: *See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.*

Lector: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate: Behold the man!

Lector: When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out,

ALL: Crucify Him, crucify Him!

Pilate: Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.

ALL: We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.

Lector: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: Where are You from?

Lector: But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate: You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?

Jesus: You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.

HYMN	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Vs. 1, 7	LSB 450
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The third candle is extinguished.

PASSION *John 19:12–22* *The title over the cross*

Lector: From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out,

ALL: If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.

Lector: So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: Behold your King!

ALL: Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

Pastor: The chief priests answered,

ALL: We have no king but Caesar.

Lector: So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 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. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

ALL: Do not write, “The King of the Jews,” but rather, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

The fourth candle is extinguished.

PASSION

John 19:23–24a

Soldiers divide Jesus' clothes.

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Vs. 1-2 LSB 425

The fifth candle is extinguished.

PASSION

John 19:24b–30

The Death of Jesus

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Vs. 3-4 LSB 425

The sixth candle is extinguished.

PASSION

John 19:31-42

Jesus' side is pierced, His burial

HYMN

“Were You There” Vs. 1-3

LSB 456

1 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?

2 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?

**3 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?**

The final candle is extinguished.

READING *Isaiah 53:4–12* *The Suffering Servant*

STREPITUS

(“Strepitus” translates from the Latin as “great noise.” The sound of “strepitus” symbolizes both the earthquake after Christ’s death [recorded in Matthew 27] and the sealing of his tomb.)

The sound of a loud noise is heard.

All leave in silence.