

At the Foot of the Cross: George Herbert's "The Sacrifice"



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Randy Gifford

Asst Elder: OPEN

Acolytes: Jeremy & Kaylee Leicht

Ushers: Lance Rasmussen, OPEN

Lay Readers: Jude Squires, Pat Rasmussen

Greeters: Jim & Donna Gerken

LENT PROPHETS

This service draws from the selected readings for the weeks of Lent, Old Testament prophets who call God's people to repent of their sins and seek His forgiveness.

Invocation and Entrance Words of Confession

based on Joel 2:12-13,15-17

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children.

C: We are gathered. Where is our God?

P: The LORD declares to you,
“Yet even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

C: Will He spare us?

P: Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?

based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16

P: It is true what you have said, but the Lord GOD declares to you:

“As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.”

Turn back, repent, return to the Lord your God,
for with Him there is forgiveness and mercy and grace evermore.

**C: We turn back to You, O Lord;
we repent; we have returned to You, Our God. Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes If you desire ashes to be placed on your forehead, please approach the communion rail on either side. Pastor Squires or Pastor EJ will put ashes on your forehead in the shape of the cross saying, “From dust you are, to dust you shall return.” You may then either kneel along the rail for personal reflection or return to your seat.



The choir will sing the anthem during this time followed by the congregational hymn.

Anthem

“Stir the Ashes”

Adult Choir

Stir the ashes, make the sign; mark us with the shadowed cross,
Where our Savior died and suffered, where we gained at his great cost.

Give us wisdom, give us courage, give us power to do what’s right.
And when night’s cold dark is deepest turn our darkness into light....

Opening Hymn

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image /
Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

LSB 422, 421



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er
wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



may Your work e - rase; Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:
bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load. You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -
Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!
sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

Absolution (Assurance of Forgiveness)

based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16 and Isaiah 12:1-2

P: And the LORD declares,

“None of the sins that you have committed shall be remembered against you.

You have done what is just and right; you shall surely live.”

For the Lord grants you His righteousness; His new life is yours.

Therefore, as His called and ordained servant in Jesus Christ,

I forgive you all your sin

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. I give thanks to You, O LORD.

Even though You were angry with me,

Your anger turned away, so that You might comfort me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

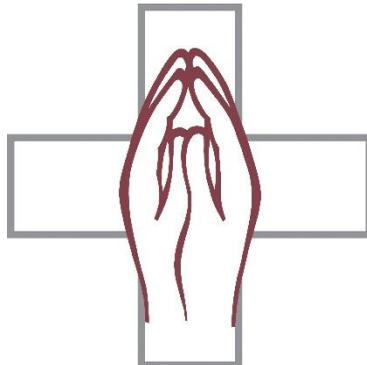
Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



A Reading from Lamentations

Lamentations 1:12–16, 20 (ESV)

¹²“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

¹³“From on high he sent fire; into my bones he made it descend;

he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;
he has left me stunned, faint all the day long.

¹⁴“My transgressions were bound into a yoke;

by his hand they were fastened together;
they were set upon my neck; he caused my strength to fail;
the Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand.

¹⁵“The Lord rejected all my mighty men in my midst;

he summoned an assembly against me to crush my young men;
the Lord has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

¹⁶“For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;

for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit;
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.”

²⁰“Look, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me,
because I have been very rebellious.

In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 (ESV)

¹⁸My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick within me.

¹⁹Behold, the cry of the daughter of my people
from the length and breadth of the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?”

[But I, the Lord, say]:

“Why have they provoked me to anger with their carved images
and with their foreign idols?”

[Again the people say]:

²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

[But the Lord replies]:

²¹For the wound of the daughter of my people is my heart wounded;

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold on me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

¹Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears,

that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

Joel 2:13b

P: Return to the LORD, your God,

C: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Reading for Tonight's "Sacrifice" Stanzas

(ESV)

[While in Jerusalem, Jesus said to His disciples]:

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:34—22:1-4,6

³⁷And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.

²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. [¹⁵And Judas said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.] ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

[Matthew 26:15]

Flashback: Judas, Money, and the Anointing of Jesus

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” ***John 12:1-8***

Back on the Night of His Betrayal

³⁹And [Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ***Luke 22:39–46***

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

Sermon

“Eyes and Mind to Me Blind”

(see handout)

Offering

Offertory

Create in Me

LSB 192

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Confession of Faith

based on the Apostles' Creed and Ezekiel 33:12-14

P: In the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed, we declare:

C: *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.*

P: Hear this promise from the Lord:

“Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,
and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD;

I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

C: *Amen, amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so.*

Benedicamus Domino (“Let us bless, the Lord”) & Benediction (Blessing)

based on Isaiah 12:3-6

P: With joy you have drawn water from the wells of salvation, so say:

**C: *Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name be exalted.***

***Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.***

Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Lamb

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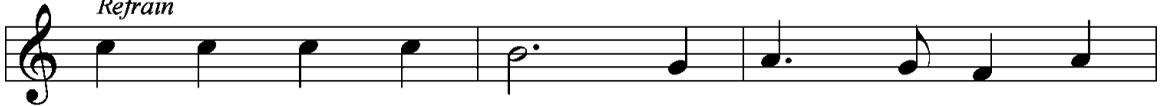


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Announcements

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