

# 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

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## ***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.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

**Elder:** Mike Bandman  
**Asst Elder:** Randy Gifford  
**Acolytes:** Ashley & Jacob Plapp  
**Ushers:** **OPEN, OPEN**  
**Lay Readers:** Victor Sundararaj, Bill Schwartz  
**Greeters:** Gene & Ellen Bartelt

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## 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.

### Opening Hymn *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* LSB 439 sts. 1, 3-5

This hymn prepares us to contemplate the Arrest of Jesus.



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants  
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
her - it, This I do mer - it.  
owe Him, Who would not know Him.  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

## **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.**

**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: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

### ***Psalm Reading***

### ***Psalm 116:1–19 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>10</sup>I believed, even when I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted”;

<sup>11</sup>I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

**You have loosed my bonds.**

<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

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)***

<sup>45</sup>And when [Jesus] rose from prayer [in the Garden of Gethsemane], he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

***Luke 22:45-46***

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup>They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

***John 18:2-7***

<sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard."

***Mark 14:44-46, 50***

<sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him.

<sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

***John 18:12-14, 19-24***



<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.  
<sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

*[Later, after all these things had taken place, it would be said]:*

<sup>7b</sup>*For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*

***1 Corinthians 5:7b***

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***A Response to the Gospel***

***1 Timothy 6:11–16 (ESV)***

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

## My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430 sts. 1-2, 4, 7

This hymn is inspired by Herbert's "The Sacrifice," especially stanza 7: "Never was a grief like Thine."



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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**Sermon** "Most True to Those Who Are My Greatest Grief" (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***





# LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

## The future is in your hands

You, yes...you, are needed. YOUR opinion matters.

If you call Bethel your church home, you can make a difference. Whether you come every week or every once and a while...you are important to the future of Bethel. We are in a position of needing to equip and encourage leaders. In order to successfully move forward, you are invited to attend this summit.

### Essentials

- *Current needs in leadership*
- *Preventing burn-out*
- *Engaging the whole congregation in the vision instead of just a small group*
- *Celebrate where God is already at work*

**March 16, 2019 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Bethel Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall**

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Please RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/bethelgurneesummit>