

A Midweek Journey in

LENT



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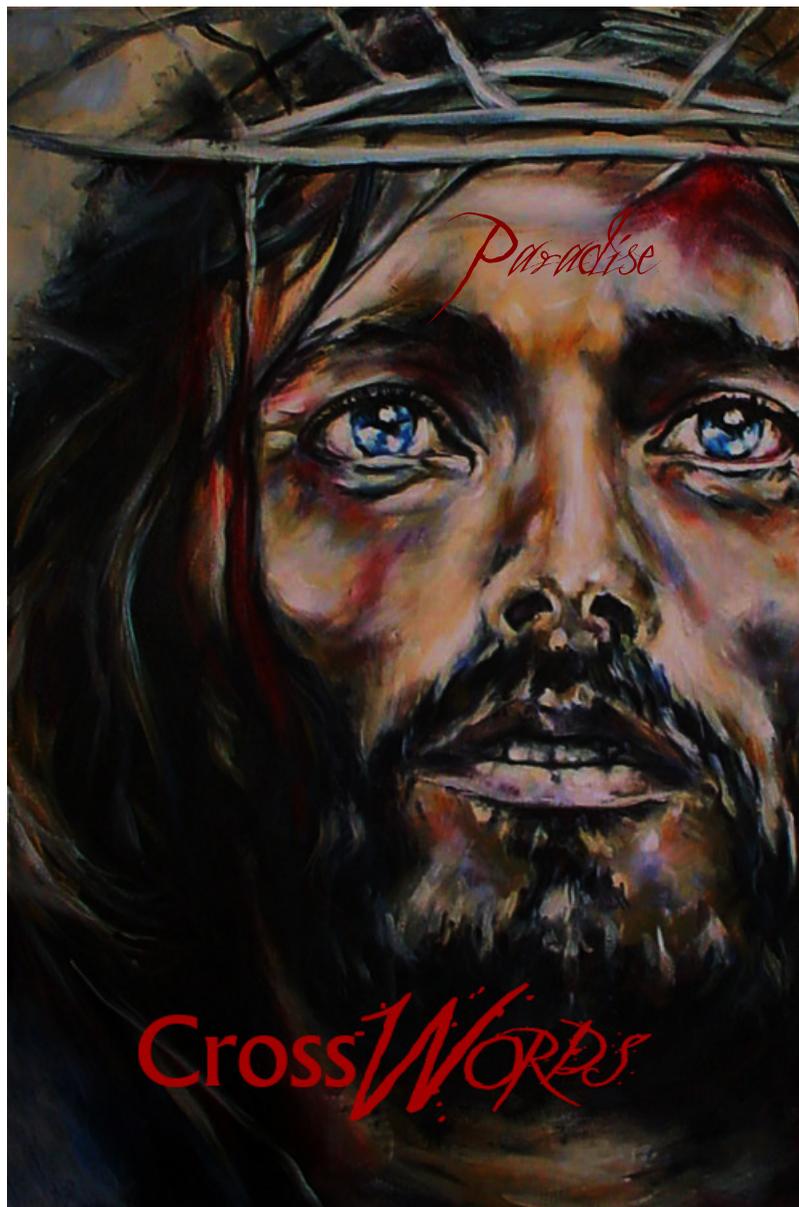
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CrossWORDS

Week Two: Paradise

PRELUDE

“Prelude in D Minor”

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Drawn to the Cross”

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

APPROACHING THE WORD

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

People: **“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

Pastor: The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

People: **“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

Pastor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
People: **“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**
 Pastor: The Lord sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.
People: **“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**
 Pastor: “The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
People: **“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 610*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
 from worldly passions set me free, and make me pure within.
People: **Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
 let me Your loving servant be and taste Your promised rest.**
 Pastor: Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle’s strife;
 in all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!
People: **Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray;
 through darkness and perplexity point out Your chosen way.**
 Pastor: Lord Jesus, think on me that, when this life is past,
People: **I may the eternal brightness see, and share Your joy at last.**
 Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all
 your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE SALUTATION *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: 
 ♪ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God of Eden, you desire to open paradise for your children. Through
 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the way to eternal life is forever unbarred.
 Lead us, we pray, through this Lenten wilderness to the Easter garden of
 your steadfast love and acceptance. Open our ears to your cry of
 command, to the archangel’s call, to the sound of your trumpet! Through
 the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: ♪ **Amen.**

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *from Psalm 16*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

Pastor: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs Me.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

(Paradise.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

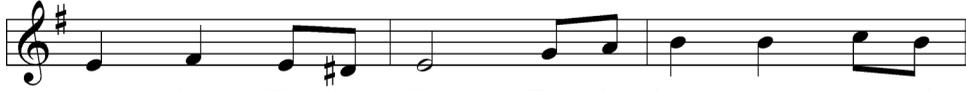
LSB 451 v. 1-3



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

SERMON

PARADISE

Luke 23:43

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor
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LENTEN SERIES HYMN

LSB 574 v. 2



2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is



writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He



stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.

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VOLUNTARY

“Upon the Cross Extended”

Johannes Brahms

PRAYER

LSB 767

Pastor: The King of kings and Lord of lords has drawn near to us in mercy. He listens to our cries for help. That by the lives of God’s people, in this congregation and beyond, the world may see a demonstration of the good and gracious rule of God, let us join in fervent prayer:

People:



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Pastor: That the rulers of this world may acknowledge themselves to be agents of the King of kings, and may seek to administer their realms in accordance with his royal will, let us join in fervent prayer:

People:



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

Pastor: That none may feel themselves excluded from the goodly reign of God, especially those who stand in want or need, in sickness or sorrow, abandoned or alone, and that Christ, who came to claim us as his own, may come again to take us to himself, that all who trust in him may reign with him forever and ever, let us join in fervent prayer:

People:



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and
give you peace.

People:



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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POSTLUDE

“Chorale”

Leon Boellmann