

A Midweek Journey in

LENT



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CrossWORDS

Week Five: Thirst

PRELUDE

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Donald Rotermund

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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: **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

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: Jesus said, "I thirst."

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Jesus said, "I thirst."

Pastor: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

People: Jesus said, "I thirst."

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: Jesus said, "I thirst."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 421*

Pastor: Jesus, grant that balm and healing in Your holy wounds I find, ev'ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.

People: Should some evil thought within tempt my treach'rous heart to sin, show the peril, and from sinning keep me from its first beginning.

Pastor: Should some lust or sharp temptation fascinate my sinful mind, draw me to Your cross and passion, and new courage I shall find.

People: Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard, saying, "Christ for me was wounded," that the tempter flee confounded.

Pastor: If the world my heart entices with the broad and easy road, with seductive, sinful vices, let me weigh the awful load You were willing to endure.

People: Help me flee all thoughts impure and to master each temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.

Pastor: Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me by Your wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, granting new life to my soul.

People: Yes, Your comfort renders sweet ev'ry bitter cup I meet; for Your all-atoning passion has procured my soul's salvation.

Pastor: O my God, my rock and tower, grant that in Your death I trust, knowing death has lost its power since You crushed it in the dust.

People: Savior, let Your agony ever help and comfort me; when I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.

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: In water you call us, O God, to be your precious daughters and sons. Upon buoyant waters you saved Noah and his family. Through the blown-back waters of the Red Sea you delivered your children, Israel, from slavery. Your own Son, Jesus, who thirsted upon the cross, splashed in the waters of the Jordan, sharing your living waters with all who believe in his name. Revive your people, O God, and refresh us, that we may bear witness to your wet and wondrous love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

(Everyone who thirsts, come)

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me

empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *from Psalm 42*

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Pastor: When shall I come and appear before God?

People: My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

Pastor: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Pastor: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

People: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

Pastor: As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:6; 22:1-2

(To the thirsty, I will give from the spring of the water of life)

⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment...

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“All Part of the Plan”

*Michael Bedford
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:28-29

(Thirst)

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

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

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A 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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563 v.1-4



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

SERMON

THIRST

John 19:28

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor
Cathedral Pastor, Historic Trinity*

LENTEN SERIES HYMN

LSB 574 v. 5

5 Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,
spot - less righ - teous-ness, The great un - change - a - ble I
AM, The King of glo - ry and of grace!

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VOLUNTARY

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Matthew Machemer

PRAYER

Pastor: Like a good shepherd, our Lord leads us beside the still waters and restores our souls. Our cups run over. As those who follow where he leads, let us join in fervent prayer:

People: **Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.**

Pastor: That the Church of God may be attuned to the needs of the world, especially those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, let us join in fervent prayer:

People: **Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.**

Pastor: That governments and authorities may administer their responsibilities for the common good, as those who seek to fulfill the obligations of their office, let us join in fervent prayer:

People: **Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.**

Pastor: That God’s grace may overflow into the lives of the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and helpless, the sick and the dying, the hurting and grieving, and all who want in any way, let us join in fervent prayer:

People: **Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.**

Pastor: And that when our life on earth is done, the Lord may receive us into the glory of his saints and fulfill the faithful word by which he calls us to himself, let us join in fervent prayer:

People: **Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God. Amen.**

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

“When Peace Like a River”

LSB 763 v. 1-3



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My

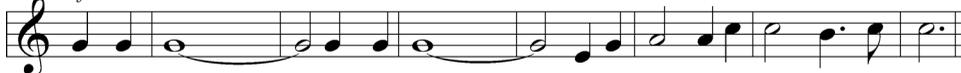


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest es - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

POSTLUDE

“It Is Well”

Stephen P. Folkemer