

Lenten Midweek 1

LENT

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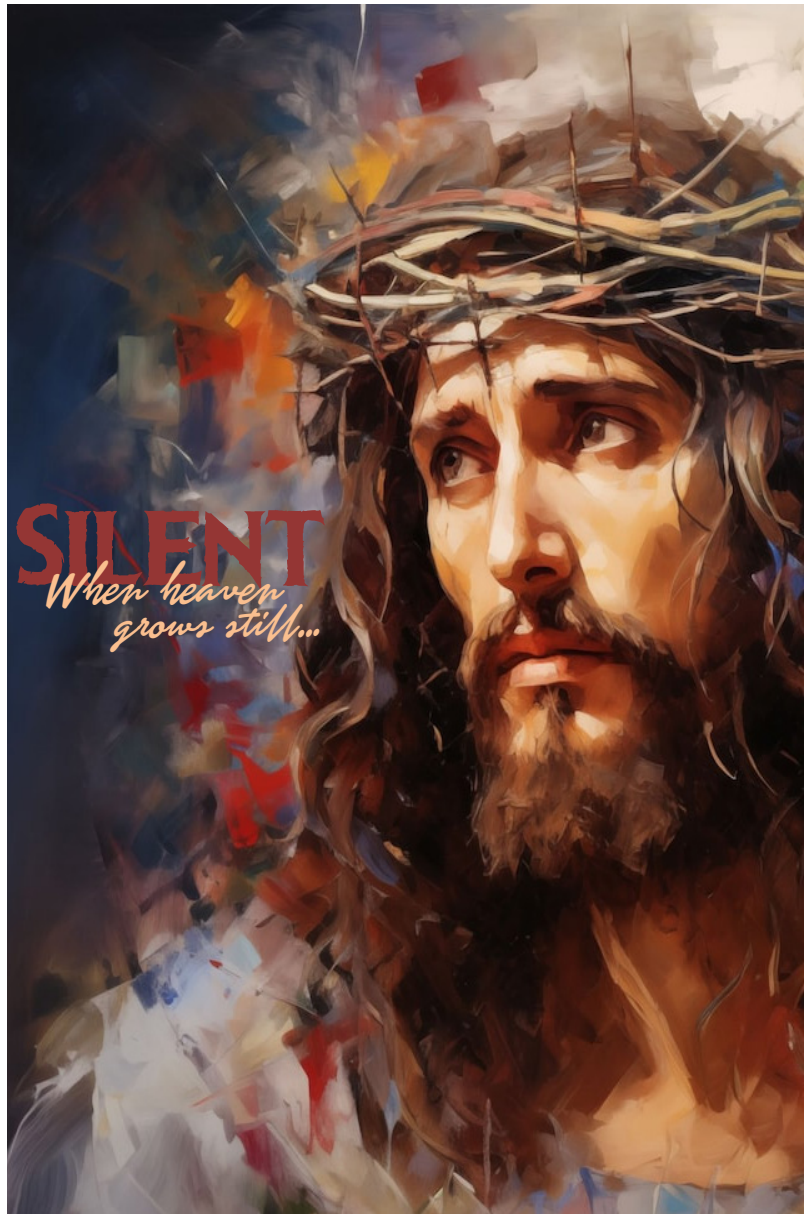


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“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin”
(BWV 622)

J. S Bach

PRELUDE

Silent: When Heaven Grows Still...

Week One: The Silence of Gethsemane

AS WE GATHER

Today is Ash Wednesday, the inaugural day on our Lenten-tide journey as we remember our sinfulness and are grounded firmly in God's gracious baptismal covenant to forgive, cleanse, and restore. As we walk through our Lenten journey captivated by all the sights and sounds of the breaking of bread in the upper room to the anguished prayers in the garden to the chaos in the temple to the heart-wrenching view of Calvary, we will take the time this year to notice the silence... those eerie and painful moments of unexpected quiet. Come... and journey this day to the silence that was Gethsemane.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436 v. 1-2, *add.*

♪ **Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Watch in anguish Jesus plead, strug'ling with the Father's will.
Sweat of blood so did he bleed. Heaven's voice grows very still.
Silence shows the time has come, Jesus prays, “Thy will be done”.**

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

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

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: God so loved the world

People: that He gave His one and only Son

Pastor: that whoever believes in Him shall not perish

People: but have eternal life.

Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world

People: but to save the world through Him. *John 3:16-17*

Pastor: As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

People: the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

Pastor: But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him,

People: and His righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. *Psalm 103:15-16*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Dear Jesus, we know that sometime, somewhere, some type of Gethsemane awaits. Just as it did yours. We know that someday a dark night will fall upon our souls. Just as it did yours. Prepare us for that night when our will and that of our Father's collide. Prepare us now by helping us realize that although Gethsemane is the most terrifying of places, it is also the most tranquil. The terror comes in realizing that we are not in control of our lives or the lives of those we love. The tranquility comes in realizing that you are. Help our trembling hearts. And be not silent when we call...

(Silence...)

READING

Micah 3:1-4

(The silence of heaven)

¹ And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?—² you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones, ³ who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a pot, like flesh in a cauldron.

⁴ Then they will cry to the Lord, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:7-10

(Loud prayers. Quiet answers.)

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, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @7pm

“Remember, You Are Dust”

Von Kampen
The Cathedral Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:36-46

(Jesus prays. His Father hears.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 26.

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

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Do not hide your face; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble. Come near and rescue me. *Psalm 69:17-18*

People: **I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit.**

Ezekiel 39:29

SERMON HYMN

“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain”

LSB 435 v. 1-3



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 -



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,



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



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.

HOMILY

“Heavenly Silence”

Matthew 26:39

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor
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OFFERTORY

LSB 450 v. 1

**♪ O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

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VOLUNTARY

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

J. S. Bach

(BWV 643)

PRAYER

During this Lenten season, we hear not only the echoes of the ages, but those that ring against these very walls, as we pray the prayers of those who find their place in the stone, glass, wood, tile, paint or fresco of Historic Trinity.

Pastor: What are you, my God? You are the highest, the most righteous and the most powerful being. You are the most merciful, and yet the most just. You are the most mysterious, and yet the most present. You are the most beautiful, and yet the strongest. You are stable, yet incomprehensible. You are unchanging, yet changing all things. You are never new and never old, yet you are constantly renewing all things. You are always working, yet always at rest. You create great riches on earth, yet you need nothing. You support, nourish and protect all. You are jealous, and yet have not fear. You recoil at our sin, and yet you do not grieve. You are angry, yet remain serene. You take as you find, yet never lose. You have no needs, yet you rejoice in all goodness. You pay debts, yet owe nothing; you forgive debts, yet lose nothing. What shall I say, O my God, my life, my holy joy? What can any man say when he speaks of you? Silence offers the greatest eloquence, yet woe to him who does not sing your praise.

People: **Amen.** *~St. Augustine (354-430 AD)*

Pastor: O Lord, my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You. Teach my heart where and how to find You. You are my God and my Lord and I've never seen You. You've made me and remade me and bestowed on me all the good things I have. And still I do not know You. I have not done that for which I was made. O Lord, my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You. Teach my heart where and how to find You, for I cannot see You unless You teach me, or find You unless You show Yourself to me. Let me seek You in my desire. Let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by my loving You now. Let me love You when I find You. Teach me, Lord. Teach my heart where and how to find You. I am desperate for your love, Lord. My heart is aflame with fervent passion. When I remember the good things you have done, my heart burns with desire to embrace you. I thirst for you; I hunger for you; I long for you; I sigh for you. I am jealous of your love. What shall I say to you? What can I do for you? Where shall I seek you? I am sick for your love. The joy of my heart turns to dust. My happy laughter is reduced to ashes. I want you. I hope for you. My soul is like a widow, bereft of you. Turn to me, and see my tears. Come now, Lord, and I will be comforted. Show me your face, and I shall be saved. Enter my room, and I shall be satisfied. Reveal your beauty, and my joy will be complete.

People: **Amen.** *~ Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)*

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.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

*** The Order of Holy Communion ***

PREFACE

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Savior, Jesus. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, may richly bless this Lenten season for us so that we may move to Easter with glad hearts and enjoy this feast of victory all the more:

LENTEN SANCTUS *Is. 6:3, Jn 1:18*

LSB 507 v. 3

♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

LSB 434 v. 1

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Father, we ask You now, by this great gift of grace, to deliver us from every evil, to teach us to love You perfectly, and make us truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ...

People: **Amen.**

LENTEN BENEDICTION

from Isaiah 53 and Luke 15:5

Pastor: May He Who was oppressed and afflicted; May He Who was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and silent as a sheep to the slaughter; May He upon whom was laid the iniquity of us all; May He continue to carry us, His sheep, over His shoulders, rejoicing.

People: Amen.

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:

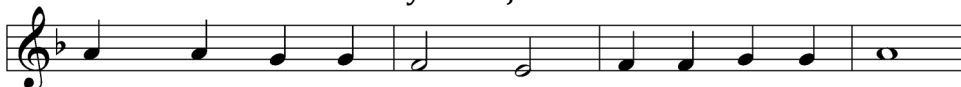


☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433 v. 1-3, 6



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

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