

Lenten Midweek 3

LENT

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PRELUDE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane/Lamb of God Pure and Holy” *David Cherwien*

Silent: When Heaven Grows Still...

Week Three: The Silence in the Palace

AS WE GATHER

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 in the palace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“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.**

**Herod greatly pleased today. Stands before the magic man.
Cunning questions thrown his way, “Do a miracle again!”
Herod mocks and plies with vim, Jesus will not answer him.**

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: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

People: **The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One.** *Psalm 2:1*

Pastor: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. *Psalm 26:1*

People: **Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them:**

Pastor: "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have no basis for your charges against Him . . . He has done nothing to deserve death." *Luke 23:13-15*

People: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. *Isaiah 53:7-8*

Pastor: Pilate had Jesus flogged and handed Him over to be crucified. *Mark 15:15*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 25:6-12; Mark 16:16*

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: I am by nature sinful and unclean.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: I confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You.

Pastor: According to Your steadfast love remember me,

People: I have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: For the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

People: I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

People: I flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: Have mercy on me and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

People: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

People: Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Dearest Jesus, Who came to your own people in such quiet and humble and unsuspecting ways, but who your own did not receive. How that must have broken your heart. And how it must break today for the times when you come... and are not received. Not recognized for who you are. Give us

this day the eyes to see royalty beneath the most incomprehensible of robes. Help us to see what Pilate and Herod failed to see... that you are the truth... and more than truth, but King. Forgive our fingerprints on those hands that heaved the hammer down. Something of us was in them who did such unspeakable things to You. And something of them is in us. Even now...

(Silence...)

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 13

(Rejoicing, even in the silence...)

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:1-3

(Fix your eyes on Jesus)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Immortal, Invisible"

arranged by Sandy Wilkinson

"Forgiven"

K. DeGraide, R. Elliott, B. Kauflin

Trinity Lutheran School Choir, Clinton Twp.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:7-12

(Jesus, before Herod, remains silent)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd Chapter.

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

⁷ And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹ So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 439 v. 1,3-5



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.

HOMILY

“Silence in the Palace”

John 19:8-10

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor
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OFFERTORY

LSB 450 v. 3

♪ **What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**

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VOLUNTARY

“Oh, Dearest Jesus”

Johannes Brahms

PRAYER

During this Lenten season, we hear not only the echoes of the ages, but the echoes 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: Christ, give me strength: Your servant is not what he once was. I am spent, O my Christ, Breath of my life. Perpetual stress and surge, in league together, make long, O long, this life, this business of living. Grappling with foes within and fears without, my soul has lost its beauty, blurred your image. Christ, give me strength. *~St. Athanasius (296-373 AD)*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly and eternal blessings, deliver me from everlasting torments. Lord, if I have sinned in word or deed, in mind or spirit, forgive me. Deliver me from all distress, ignorance, forgetfulness, laziness and stony hardness of heart. Lord, deliver me from all temptations and spiritual abandonment, enlighten my heart which has been darkened by evil desire. Lord, being human, I sin; but You, being God, have mercy on me. Take heed of the weakness of my soul, and help me with Your grace that Your holy name may be glorified in me. Lord Jesus Christ, inscribe the name of Your servant in the book of life, granting me a blessed end. Lord my God, I have done nothing good; yet by Your compassion help me to make a new beginning. Refresh my heart with the dew of Your grace. Remember me, who am sinful, wretched, evil and impure, in Your kingdom, according to Your steadfast love.

People: **Amen.**

~St. John Chrysostom (349-407)

Pastor: Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly joys. Lord, deliver me from eternal torments. Lord, if I have sinned in mind or thought, in word or deed, forgive me. Lord, deliver me from all ignorance, forgetfulness, cowardice insensibility. Lord, deliver me from every temptation. Lord, enlighten my heart which evil desires have darkened. Lord, I being human have sinned, but You being the generous God, have mercy on me, knowing the sickness of my soul. Lord, send Your grace to my help, that I may glorify Your holy Name. Lord Jesus Christ, write me Your servant in the Book of Life, and grant me a good end. O Lord my God, even though I have done nothing good in Your sight, yet grant me by Your grace to make a good start. Lord, sprinkle into my heart the dew of Your grace. Lord of heaven and earth remember me, Your sinful servant, shameful and unclean, in Your Kingdom. Amen. ~St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

People: 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.**

LENTEN BENECTION

from Isaiah 53 and Colossians 1:20

Pastor: May He who bore our iniquities; May He Who poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; May He Who bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. May He— together with the Father and the Holy Spirit— reconcile to himself all things, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN**“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”**

LSB 437



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

POSTLUDE**“Prelude in G Minor”***attributed J. S. Bach**(BWV 553)*