

Lenten Midweek 5

LENT

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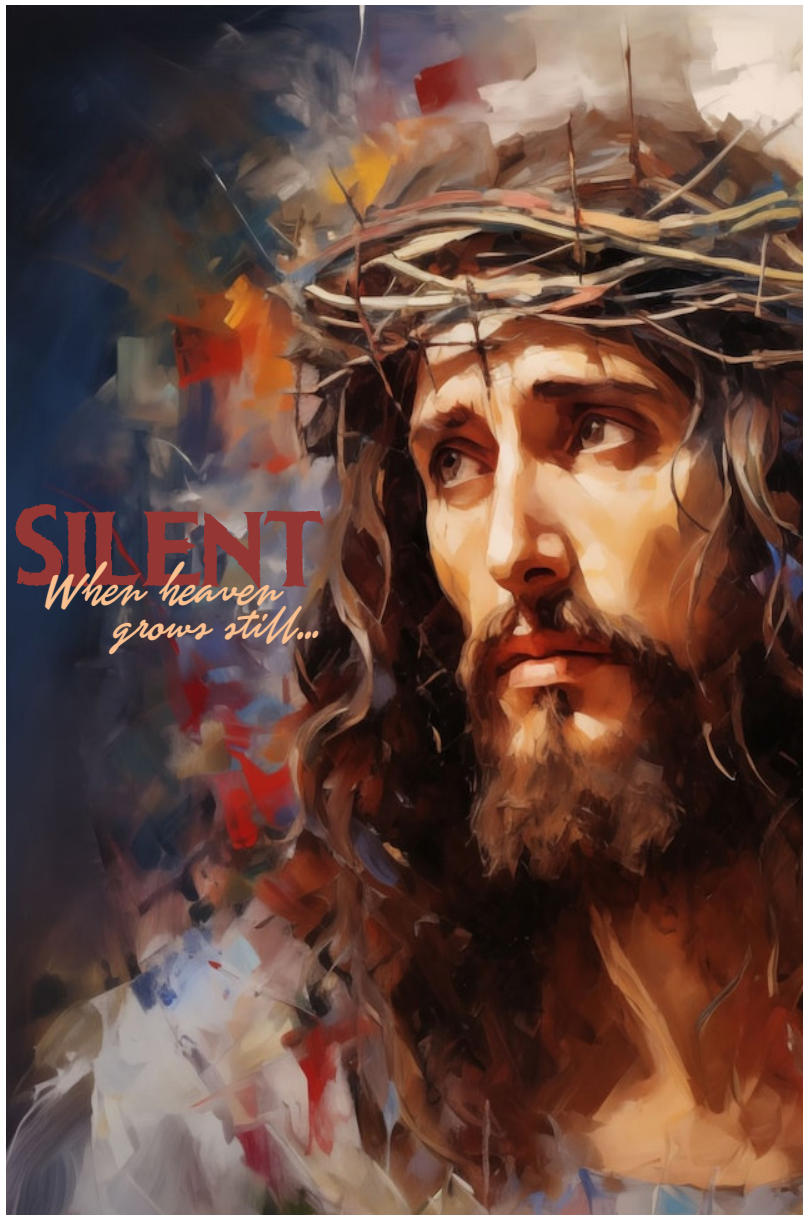


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“Were You There”

Benjamin M. Culli

PRELUDE

Silent: When Heaven Grows Still...

Week Five: The Silence in the Tomb

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 of the cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436 v. 3, *add.*

♪ **Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Temple curtain torn in two, rocks and tombs and shaking earth
Roars creation, old and new: “Rocks cry out” to show His worth.
God is dead! They shut the tomb. Jesus Christ is sealed in doom.**

**Eerie quiet in the grave, God—in death—who breathes no more?
Speak, O Lord, and come to save! Break the silence! End the war!
Thy strong Word speak louder still: Rise, and voice your Father’s will.**

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: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I am worn out calling for help, my throat is parched. Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. *Psalm 69:1, 3, 4*

People: They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right, and one on His left. *Mark 15:27*

Pastor: He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

People: For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53:12b*

Pastor: But I pray to You, O Lord, in the time of Your favor; in Your great love, O God, answer me with Your sure salvation.

People: Rescue me, do not let me sink. Answer me, O God, out of the goodness of Your love; in Your great mercy turn to me. *Ps 69:13, 14, 16*

Pastor: He was cut off from the land of the living;

People: for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

Pastor: He was assigned a grave with the wicked,

People: and with the rich in his death.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: How they have marred and disfigured You. How they have despised and rejected You. How You have suffered! And now they drag you down from a tree, limp and lifeless. We fall to our knees, Jesus, knowing that where we stand is sacred ground. We watch Your body wrapped up in linen. We watch in stunned silence as they take You away from Place of the Skull, and we are left only to grasp with a comprehension of what love You must have. Love for us, who are so fearful... so long hiding in the shadows. Move us Lord beyond this vision. Move us quickly to the sounds of Easter! For as we watch You die, wrapped up, taken away, we know what comes next: The door is shut. The tomb is closed, and the Savior of the world lay inside...

(Silence...)

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:9-12

(He was assigned a grave with the wicked)

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

(Buried with Christ, we too are raised)

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Create in Me”
“Green the Weeping Willow Tree”

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:50-60

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th Chapter.

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

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate

ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Were You There?”

LSB 456 v.1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh . . .



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

HOMILY

“Fight or Flight”

Isaiah 53:10

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OFFERTORY

LSB 450 v. 6

**♪ My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me, Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!**

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“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *St. Paul Lutheran Bell Choir*

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: Gracious and holy Father, please give me: intellect to understand you; reason to discern you; diligence to seek you; wisdom to find you; a spirit to know you; a heart to meditate upon you; ears to hear you; eyes to see you; a tongue to proclaim you; a way of life pleasing to you; patience to wait for you; and perseverance to look for you. Grant me: a perfect end, your holy presence. A blessed resurrection, And life everlasting.

People: **Amen.** *~ St. Benedict (480-547)*

Pastor: Almighty Lord, God of the Powers and of all flesh, Who lives in the highest and cares for the humble, Who searches our hearts and affections, and clearly foreknows the secrets of men; eternal and everliving Light, in Whom is no change nor shadow of variation; O Immortal King, receive our prayers which at the present time we offer to Thee from unclean lips, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies. Forgive all sins committed by us in thought, word or deed, consciously or unconsciously, and cleanse us from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us to pass the night of the whole present life with wakeful heart and sober thought, ever expecting the coming of the radiant day of the appearing of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, when the Judge of all will come with glory to render to each according to their deeds. May we not be found fallen and idle, but awake and alert for action, ready to accompany Him into the joy and divine palace of His glory, where there is the ceaseless sound of those keeping festival and the unspeakable delight of those who behold the ineffable beauty of Thy Face. For Thou art the true Light that enlightens and sanctifies all, and all creation sings to Thee throughout the ages. *~ St. Basil the Great (330-379)*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O my God, Jesus I am in every way unworthy of you. Yet like Joseph of Arimathea, I want to offer a space for you. He offered his tomb; I offer my heart. Enter the darkness of my heart as your body entered the darkness of Joseph's tomb. And make me worthy to receive you, driving out all sin and darkness, that I might be filled with your light. *~St Bonaventure (1217-74)*

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 BENEDICTION

from Isaiah 53 and Psalm 34:18

Pastor: May He Whose grave was made with the wicked; May He with Whom there was no violence, nor deceit in his mouth; May He Who was crushed by the will of the Lord; May He—together with the Father and the Holy Spirit—continue to be near to the brokenhearted and save the crushed in spirit.

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

“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.



PALM SUNDAY
9am 10:30am

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**
7pm

TRE-ORE
12pm 12:45pm
1:30pm

TENEBRAE
7pm

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

7:30am
9am
11am