

*Lenten Midweek 6*

# LENT

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## PRELUDE

“Be Still, My Soul”

*Brian Henkelmann*

# Silent: When Heaven Grows Still...

Week Six: The Broken Silence

## 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 God.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436 *add.*, v. 4

♪ Silence comes to us today, falling down on bended knee.  
“Where, O Father?” hear us pray, “Will You ever answer me?!”  
Sounds from home seem very far... makes me wonder where You are.

“Child, be still, and you will know, I will wipe away each tear,  
Jesus bled and died to show that My heart is very near.  
Life around in silence sink... I am closer than you think!”

Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

## INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

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

People: Amen.

## RESPONSIVE READING *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. When shall I come and appear before God?**

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"  
**People: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:**

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

Pastor: My soul is cast down within me; Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.  
**People: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

Pastor: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? My adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**People: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: You are true to Your name, Immanuel... God with us. This name proclaimed at Your birth was also hailed at Your ascension. You are with us always—with us, not against us; with us, not absent from us; with us, not oblivious to us. You are indeed "our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." And if You are with us, who can stand against us? When I doubt, still be near. Where I fall, lift me up. In the silence, Lord... speak. For You are with still us...  
*(Silence...)*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Job 23:3-9

*(Where are You, God?)*

<sup>3</sup> If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup> I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup> Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me. <sup>7</sup> There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge. <sup>8</sup> "But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. <sup>9</sup> When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1-3, 8-13

*(Endure. He remains faithful)*

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.<sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 15:21-23

Pastor: Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

People: **Jesus did not answer a word.**

## ANTHEM

"Out of the Depths"

Cernohorsky/Haydn

*Our Savior Lutheran School, Lansing, MI*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-6, 11-15, 21

*(Where are You, Lord?!)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was...

<sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will

recover.”<sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,”<sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe.

<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN**

“Be Still, My Soul”

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

**HOMILY**

“The Silence is Broken!”

Matthew 28:1-4, 11-15

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor  
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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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## VOLUNTARY ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

*Bettcher*

*Our Savior Lutheran School, Lansing*

## 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:** Lord God, my beloved, if you still remember my sins, and so withhold the blessing for which I yearn, I beg you either to punish me as I deserve or to have mercy on me. If you are waiting for me to behave well and do good to others, then give me the strength and the will to act as you want. Why are you waiting? Why do you delay in pouring out the love for which I yearn? How can I behave well and love others, if you do not strengthen and guide me? How can I be worthy of you, if you do not make me worthy? How can I rise up to you, if you do not raise me up? Sure you will not take me from the grace which you have given in your dear Son Jesus Christ? Surely the love which he revealed to all mankind will be granted to me? Why are you waiting?  
*~St. John of the Cross (1542-91)*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Dear Jesus, my longing is so great that I cannot express it in words. I know not how to ask. What more can I say? My suffering is greater than all my complaining. I cannot counsel myself with reason nor counsel myself with my own courage. Comfortless, helpless, and forsaken. I am completely at loss. My God you will not abandon my hope. You will hear my prayer and satisfy my desires. I will pray and wait for your grace. Hear me. Fulfill my hope.  
*~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Dear Lord Jesus, the gospel is suffering. Your name is profaned. Christians are persecuted and murdered. The right doctrine is suppressed. The devil's rule of wickedness is spreading. All the blessed departed Christians

and saints who lie forgotten in the earth have returned to dust and ashes. Come. Come and display Your glory in Your Church. Restore Your name and the blood of the martyrs, and bring them again to Your glory.

**People:** Amen.

*~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)*

### **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.**

### **CLOSING RESPONSE**

*from Psalm 139*

**Pastor:** O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

**People:** **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

**Pastor:** You discern my going out and my lying down;

**People:** **you are familiar with all my ways.**

**Pastor:** Before a word is on my tongue

**People:** **you know it completely, O LORD.**

**Pastor:** Where can I go from your Spirit?

**People:** **Where can I flee from your presence?**

**Pastor:** If I go up to the heavens, you are there.

**People:** **if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

**Pastor:** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**People:** **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

**Pastor:** If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

**People:** **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

**Pastor:** For you created my inmost being;

**People:** **you knit me together in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my unformed body.**

**Pastor:** All the days ordained for me were written in your book

**People:** **before one of them came to be.**

**Pastor:** When I awake,

**People:** **I am still with you.**

## LENTEN BENEDICTION

*from Isaiah 53 and Numbers 6:25*

**Pastor:** May He Who had no beauty or majesty; May He Who He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; May He from whom men hide their faces; May He—together with the Father and the Holy Spirit—hide not their face toward us, but may the Lord make His face shine upon us, and give us peace.

**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

“Abide With Me”

LSB 878 v.1-3, 6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I - need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## POSTLUDE

“Abide With Me”

*David M. Cherwien*