

A Midweek Journey in

LENT

March 5, 2025



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*If only
they could talk*



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"O Sacred Head"

Johannes Brahms

PRELUDE

If Only They Could Talk

Silent Witness One: The Thorn

*And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns
and put it on his head...*

John 19:2

PROCESSIONAL

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450 v. 1-2



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

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INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People: **♪ Amen.**

Pastor: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets,

People: **but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: No one has ever seen God.

People: The only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made God known.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Pastor: Therefore, we must pay close attention to what we have heard.

People: It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,

Pastor: while God himself also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles

People: and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.

VERSE

LSB 420 v. 1

♪ **Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely,

People: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Pastor: looking unto Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith.

People: For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

VERSE

LSB 420 v. 4

♪ **Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

Pastor: "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

People: We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

Pastor: When we cry, “Abba, Father,” it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God,
People: and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.
Pastor: “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations.”
People: We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.
Pastor: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses.”
People: We are witnesses to all that he did. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,
Pastor: but God raised him up on the third day and made him manifest,
People: not to all people, but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.

VERSE

LSB 420 v. 7

♪ **Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Dear Jesus, with sadness we witness you crowned with thorns. Yet, you go silently forth to the cross for us. Thank you for the pain you bore and for the suffering you willingly endured for our salvation. Help us to be filled with love for you and comfort in the knowledge that your sacred head was wounded so that we might be healed.
People: Amen.

READING

Isaiah 52:13-15

(His appearance marred beyond recognition)

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

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

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

(Though you don't see Him now, you believe)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @7pm

“Savior, When In Dust to Thee”

*arr. Karl Osterland
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL READING

John 19:1-3

(The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns...)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19.

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

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

“Were You There?”

LSB 456 v. 1-2

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

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

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

HOMILY

"I Lay My Thorns on Jesus"

John 19:2

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"Abide with Me"

Karl Osterland

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: You, O Lord, have freed us from the fear of death. You have made the end of this life the beginning to us of true life. For a season, you rest our bodies in sleep, and awaken them again at the last trumpet call. You give our earth, which you fashioned with your hands, to the earth to keep in safety. One day you will take again what you have given, transfiguring with immortality and grace our mortal and unpleasant remains. You have saved us from the curse and from sin, having become both for our sakes. You broke the head of the dragon that had seized us in his jaws, in the yawning gulf of disobedience. You have shown us the way of resurrection, having

broken the gates of hell, and you have brought to nothing the one who had the power of death— the devil. You have given a sign to those who fear you — the cross, to destroy the adversary and save our lives.

People: Amen.

-Gregory of Nyssa (335-395)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord without dishonesty, in tune with one another, pleading to Him with sighs and tears—as is fitting for His people—placed as we are between the many in this world, while lamenting those who have fallen away along with the faithful who fear it may do the same; between the weak—laid low in large numbers—and the few still standing strong. Let us pray that peace may very soon be restored to us, that peace would reach us in our dangers, and draw us away from our dark retreats. May the Lord’s promises find fulfillment within us. May we see the Church restored and our salvation secured; after the rain, fair weather; after the darkness, light; after the storms and tempests, a gentle calm. Let us ask him to help us, because He loves us as a Father loves his children, and to give us the tokens of his divine power that He so freely gives. So will our oppressors be stopped from blaspheming, those who have fallen away repent, and the firm, unwavering faith of the steadfast be crowned with glory.

-St. Cyprian of Carthage (200-258 AD)

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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 613

Pastor: To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, in grief and shame I humbly call; I see my sins against Thee, Lord, the sins of thought and deed and word. They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

People: O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away! Let Thy good Spirit ne’er depart, but let Him draw to Thee my heart that truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!

Pastor: O Jesus, let Thy precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,

People: But grant that justified I may go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

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

♪ **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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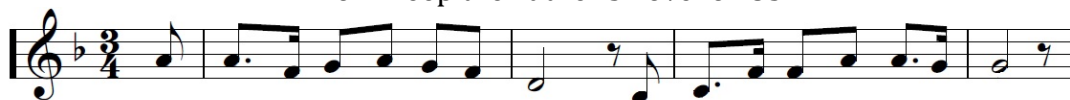
For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

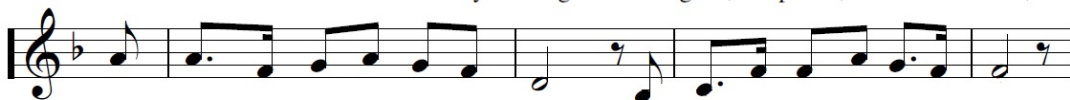
If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa-ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho-sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy-ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

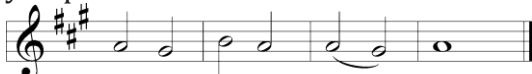
Pastor: Holy Father, we ask You now, by this great gift of grace, to deliver us from every evil, to teach us to love You perfectly, and make us truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ...

People: Amen.

LENTEN BENEDICTION

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:



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN**"Abide with Me"**

LSB 878 v. 1, 4, 6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

*The Imposition of Ashes will take place in the Baptistery
immediately following the service for those who are interested.*

POSTLUDE**"O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin"***J. S. Bach*