

A Midweek Journey in

LENT

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*If only
they could talk*



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PRELUDE

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Paul Manz

If Only They Could Talk

Silent Witness Two: The Robe

And the soldiers... arrayed him in a purple robe.

John 19:2

PROCESSIONAL

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450 v. 1, 3



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de-serve Thy place;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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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 435 v. 1

♪ **Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

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 Perfecter 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 435 v. 2

♪ **Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**

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 435 v. 3

♪ Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Dear Jesus, when you wore a purple robe around your shoulders during your Passion, the soldiers mocked you and pretended you were a king. But little did those soldiers know that you were a king, even there, and you still are a king ruling over all today. Help us never to forget that you reign on high over heaven and earth. Nothing and no one can overpower you.

People: Amen.

READING

Isaiah 53:1-3

(The man of sorrows)

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1:13-21

(The precious blood of Jesus)

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

Philip Stopford

Philippians 2:6-11; Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 27:27-31

(The soldiers stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 27.

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

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563 v. 1-3, 6

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 6 Je - sus, be end - less praise to Thee, Whose bound - less

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 mer - cy hath for me, For me, and all Thy

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

HOMILY

"In the Robe of Christ I Glory"

Matthew 27:27-28

Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Matthew Machemer

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: Lord Jesus Christ, I approach you. I am a sinner, and dare not rely on my own worth, but only on your goodness and mercy. I am defiled by many sins in body and soul, and by my unguarded thoughts and words. Gracious God of majesty and awe, I seek your protection, I look for your healing. Poor troubled sinner that I am, I appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy. I cannot bear your judgment, but I trust in your salvation. Lord, I show my wounds to you and uncover my shame before you. I know my sins are many and great, and they fill me with fear, but I hope in your mercies, for they cannot be numbered. Lord Jesus Christ, eternal king, God and man, crucified for mankind, look upon me with mercy and hear my prayer, for I

trust in you. Have mercy on me, full of sorrow and sin, for the depth of your compassion never ends. Praise to you, saving sacrifice, offered on the wood of the cross for me and for all mankind. Praise to the noble and precious blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world. Remember, Lord your creature, whom you have redeemed with your blood; I repent my sins, and I long to put right what I have done. Merciful Father, take away all my offenses and sins; purify me in body and soul, and make me worthy to taste the holy of holies. May your sacrifice, although I am unworthy, be for me the remission of my sins, the washing away of my guilt, the end of my evil thoughts, and the rebirth of my better instincts. May it incite me to do the works pleasing to you and profitable to my health in body and soul, and be a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies.

People: **Amen.**

~St. Ambrose (340-397 AD)

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 and stony 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.

People: **Amen.**

~St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

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.

ANTHEM

"Old Irish Blessing"

*Denes Agay
Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw*

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:



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"When I Survey"

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

POSTLUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Carl F. Schalk