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Midweek Lent 2

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# Ironies of the Passion



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# ✠ Order of Worship ✠

## OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #600

“O Lord, My God, I Cry to Thee”

**P** O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

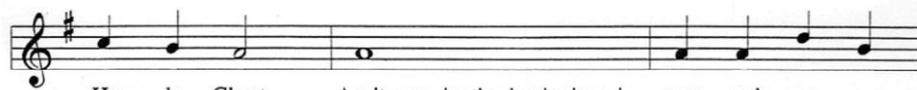
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."
- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgive, whose sin is covered.
- C** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Hymn: WS #724**

**"Jesus, Remember Me"**

- C** ♪ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *(Repeat)*

✠ **Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #330**

**"I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord"**

**SERMON TEXT – John 11:45-53** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus



had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas,

who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

## **Ironies of the Passion: "It Is Better That One Man Die for the People"**

### **RESPONSE**

*Rev. 5:12; TLH #367:4*

- P** "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Amen.
- C** ♪ **Worship, honor, power, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive; Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise.**

*The offering plate will be sitting in the back of church.*

### **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

- C** **In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**  
**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** **Amen!**

**CLOSING HYMN: WS #721**

**"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"**