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As We Gather

Above Jesus' head on the cross, the words read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." This inscription was intended to ridicule Him, and those who sought His crucifixion will deny its truth. Nevertheless, Jesus is not just any king; He is the King of kings who willingly laid down His life to overcome sin, death, and the devil on our behalf. As we reflect on the solemn events of this day, let us remember the immeasurable love and grace that Jesus poured out for us through His sacrifice on the cross. May we draw closer to Him and be strengthened in our gratitude for everything He has done for us.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

172 (1, 4, 8, 10) – O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Is 53:4-5, Jn 1:29, Jn 3:16, 2 Co 9:15

P Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

C **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

P The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

C **We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

P For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

C **Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**

Confession and Absolution

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather on this Good Friday, we are reminded of the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for us and the weight of our own sins. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to our merciful Father in heaven, confident in His grace and forgiveness.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we come before You on this solemn day, confessing that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to follow Your commandments and have fallen short of Your glory. We confess that we are responsible for the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was crucified on this day. We ask for Your mercy and forgiveness.

P Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and by His wounds, we are healed. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Hymn

146 – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the
cross didst suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low -
ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou
bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
3 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. ¹ Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide

the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 14-19, 24, 27-28

- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
- C** **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**
- P** I am a worm, and no man;
- C** **A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**
- P** All those who see Me ridicule Me;
- C** **They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,**
- P** “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
- C** **Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”**
- P** I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
- C** **My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.**
- P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;
- C** **You have brought Me to the dust of death.**
- P** For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
- C** **They pierced My hands and My feet;**
- P** I can count all My bones.
- C** **They look and stare at Me.**
- P** They divide My garments among them,
- C** **And for My clothing they cast lots.**
- P** But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
- C** **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**
- P** For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
- C** **Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.**
- P** All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**
- P** For the kingdom is the LORD’s,
- C** **And He rules over the nations.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Passion History

The King on a Cross

Then they crucified Him there, and two others with Him, robbers and criminals, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and Jesus in the center. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." Now it was the third hour when they crucified Him. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they do."

The soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and divided them up among themselves into four parts, to each soldier a part, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be;" that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

Now Pilate wrote a title an inscription of His accusation over Him. And the soldiers put it above His head on the cross. It was written: "THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in letters of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews', but 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews'.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

And the people stood, looking on, and those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise even the rulers, the chief priests, together with the scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders, sneered at Him and mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe in Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God'." And the soldiers also mocked Him,

coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. One of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us!" But the other answering rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

And it was about the sixth hour, and the sun was darkened. There was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!" Which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And when some of those who stood by heard that, they said, "Look! This Man is calling for Elijah." After this, Jesus, seeing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst." Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there. Then immediately someone ran, and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. He and the others said, "Let Him alone! Let us see if Elijah will come to save Him and take Him down." So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" Jesus then cried out with a loud voice, saying "Father, into Your hand I commend My spirit." Then, He bowed His head, gave up His spirit, and breathed His last.

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth quaked; and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion, who stood opposite Jesus, and those with him who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, and that He cried out like this, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this Man was the Son of God."

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon Text

John 19:17-30

¹⁷ And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS ²⁰ Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ²¹ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. ²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when

Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.



Sermon

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Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of five staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my
hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo-ry and Sal - va - tion.

Offering

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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 whole crowd who came together to witness the crucifixion, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances and many women also were there, standing at a distance, watching these things. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's sons. And there were many other women who had accompanied Him from Galilee and came with Him to Jerusalem, ministering to Him.

Because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Jesus; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

And after these things, when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that, behold, there came a rich man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews. He was a good and just man, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. He was a prominent council member, but he had not consented to their counsel and deed. This man took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, that he might take it away. And Pilate marveled that He was already dead, and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. And when he found out from the centurion, Pilate gave him permission and commanded the body to be given to Joseph.

Then Joseph bought fine linen and came and took the body of Jesus down. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and wrapped and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden Joseph's own new tomb, that was hewn out of the rock, in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because that day was the Preparation, and

the Sabbath drew near, and because the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after. Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, the mother of Joseph. They observed the tomb, and where and how His body was laid. And Joseph rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away. And the women returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise'. Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn

170 – O Perfect Life of Love

