

Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 2020

Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)

~Prelude *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

(Halvorson Family)

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 154, #58)

P: Almighty God, we pray that You would graciously behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~ Hymn 287 *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

*1. Jesus, I will ponder now
On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow
For such meditation.*

*Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.*

*2. Make me see Thy great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails, did wound Thee.
How for man Thou diedst, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.*

*3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been
Of Thy crucifixion.*

*4. Grant that I Thy Passion view
With repentant grieving,
Nor Thee crucify anew
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?*

*5. If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee
And Thy holy Passion;
If His Son so loveth me,
God must have compassion.*

*6. Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Thy praise forever.*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41-42, II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison

(ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 154 #59)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that You might remove from us the power of the adversary: Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

~Men's Choir Psalm 22

(CW 140)

Refrain: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me?
I am a worm and not a man,
Scorned by men and despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
They hurl insults, shaking their heads:
"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."*

Refrain

*My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
You lay me in the dust of death.
A band of evil men has encircled me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet.
They divide my garments among them
And cast lots for my clothing.
But you, O Lord, be not far off;
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
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.*

Refrain

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:1-7: Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him. Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted, but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

~Men's Choir Passion Sentence

Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

~Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 10:19-23 Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. We also have a great priest over the house of God. So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

~Hymn 297 *Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted*

1. *Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.*

2. *Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.*

3. *Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.*

4. *Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.*

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 332 O Darkest Woe

1. *O darkest woe!
Ye tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder,
That the Father's only Son
Now lies buried yonder!*

2. *O sorrow dread!
Our God is dead,
He paid our great redemption.
Jesus' death upon the cross
Gained for us salvation.*

3. *O sinful man!
It was the ban
Of death on thee that brought Him
Down to suffer for thy sins
And such woe hath wrought Him.*

4. *O ground of faith,
Laid low in death!
Sweet lips now silent sleeping:
Surely all that live must mourn
Here with bitter weeping.*

5. *O blest shall be
Eternally
Who oft in faith will ponder
Why the glorious Prince of Life
Should be buried yonder.*

6. *O Jesus blest,
My Help and Rest,
With tears I now entreat Thee:
Make me love Thee to the last,
Till in heav'n I greet Thee!*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text

Matthew 27:45-50 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

~Sermon Message

"The Greatest Battle Ever Fought"

1. *Jesus' enemy, Satan, attacked Him relentlessly.*
2. *The battle ended with our Savior's victory cry.*

~The Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of

wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister _____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Hymn 339 *The Lord into His Father's Hands*

*1. The Lord into His Father's hands
With dying prayer His soul commends,
In triumph He yields up the ghost.
Lift up your heads, O heav'nly host,
Shout praise! Such glory ne'er shall be
As Jesus dying on the tree.*

*2. Now everlasting death is slain,
O'ercome by Jesus' dying pain.
My death is precious in His sight:
O grave, where is your sting, your might?
Dark death is now the path to life,
Bright gain beyond a moment's strife.*

*3. Lord, from Your death I draw my life,
I see Your cross with comfort rife;
O let Your Passion's mighty pow'r
Work in my spirit from this hour,
And crucify me, Lord, that I
To You may live, to sin may die.*

~Prayer for Good Friday

P: O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. We thank and praise You that on this day You prayed the Father for our forgiveness; You promised us Paradise; You placed us in loving relationship with each other; You were forsaken of God, that we may never be forsaken; You finished all things necessary for our salvation; You

committed Your spirit to the Father that we may die in peace. Give us faith to glory in Your cross, by which we may overcome every evil and finally gain full and complete victory in Your name.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

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 peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~**Hymn 593 On My Heart Imprint Thine Image**

*On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures,
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.*

~**Men's Choir Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labor**

(CW Supplement 718, vv. 1-3)

*1. Rest, O Christ, from all your labor;
Sleep within your borrow tomb. Foes have
crucified and bound you Fast within
death's narrow room. Pilate's guards stand
watching, waiting Where they rolled the
sealing stone. All unseen another watches:
God will not forsake his own.*

*2. Peace at last from all your anguish,
Wounds in hands and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you, Scourged,
abandoned, crucified. Faithful women
gather spices, Weep for you whom sin has
slain. Though they mourn, the God who
guards you Will not let your death be vain.*

*3. Help us keep this solemn Sabbath As
we wait for Easter dawn. Earth's dark
night of sin is passing; Death's long
reign will soon be gone. Christ, in whom
the new creation Rises brighter than the
sun: May we, as we watch for morning,
Trust the vict'ry you have won.*

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