

Trinity Lutheran Church

537 Grand Avenue

Billings, Montana

Midweek Lenten Service 2

February 24, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Opening Hymn 440 “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (Stzs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.
2. Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
4. Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You 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 Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: He was bruised for our iniquities.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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.

Confession/Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to the only True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: O Lord our God, You have commanded: “You shall have no other gods before Me.” We confess that we have sinned against your will. We have put things, people and even ourselves before You and have not feared, loved or trusted in You as we should. Have mercy on us, Gracious Lord, for the sake of Jesus our suffering Savior, forgive us and renew us in our relationship with You.

P: Dear brothers and sisters, God hears your confession and for the sake of Jesus Christ who walked the way of the cross carrying all of your sins, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Reading of the Passion Narrative

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn 512 “At the Name of Jesus” (Stzs. 1, 3, 5, 7)

1. At the name of Jesus Ev’ry knee shall bow,
Ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.
’Tis the Father’s pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.
3. Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious When from death He passed;
5. In your hearts enthrone Him; There let Him subdue
All that is not holy, All that is not true:
Crown Him as your captain In temptation’s hour;
Let His will enfold you In its light and pow’r.
7. Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit’s love
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

Sermon “The Chief Priests’ Struggle with Idolatry”

Matthew 26:3-5

Prayers

The 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.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 431 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

1. Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.
2. But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.
3. My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.

4. My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there.
5. Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding
love.

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