

Places of the Passion

Pilate's Judgment Hall

March 24, 2021

11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

setting by John Leavitt

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?*
- 2 *Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!*
- 3 *Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.*

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4 *Thus might I hide my blushing face
 While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
 And melt mine eyes to tears.*

5 *But drops of grief can ne'er repay
 The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
 'Tis all that I can do.*

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(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

People: **To see the depths of His love.**

Pastor: To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

People: **To gaze upon the heights of His grace.**

Pastor: To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

People: **We follow with Jesus to Pilate's judgment hall.**

Pastor: Barabbas is set free.

People: **While Jesus is condemned.**

Pastor: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

People: **I shall follow where You guide!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Forgiving Father, though I don't like to admit it, I am a sinner, much like Barabbas –

People: A rebel and a wretch.

Pastor: Born dead in transgressions and sins.

People: Lost and without hope.

Pastor: Doomed to perish.

People: Blinded by the god of this age.

Pastor: My finest deeds are still soiled with sin.

People: And all my righteous acts are like unclean rags.

Pastor: I am like Barabbas.

People: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death--for you. Jesus was determined to go to the Courtyard, Gabbatha and Golgotha--for you. That is why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

People: I shall follow where You guide!

HYMN

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Let us ever walk with Jesus,
 Follow His example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us
 And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
 Pilgrims here, our home above,
 Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
 Faithful Lord, with me abide;
 I shall follow where You guide.*
- 2 *Let us suffer here with Jesus
 And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
 Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
 We shall reap celestial joy;
 All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
 Jesus, here I share Your woe;
 Help me there Your joy to know.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, You set Israel free from the chains of Egyptian bondage and You set Barabbas free from Roman execution; so set us free from every prison that shackles and binds us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:22-29

²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen--the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

“Go Down, Moses”

Traditional Spiritual

*When Israel was in Egypt’s land,
Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.*

Refrain *Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.*

*The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go,
to lead the children of Israel through,
Let my people go. (Refrain)*

*As Israel stood by the waterside,
Let my people go,
at God’s command it did divide,
Let my people go. (Refrain)*

*When they had reached the other shore,
Let my people go,
they let the song of triumph soar,
Let my people go. (Refrain)*

*Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go. (Refrain)*

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"I Will Wait For You" (Psalm 130)

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*Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord*

*Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone*

*Chorus I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied*

*So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave (Chorus)*

*His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice (Chorus)*

*I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight (Chorus)*

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--
⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-23

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge--to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

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²² "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

²³ "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

Places of the Passion: Pilate's Judgment Hall

(please stand)

HYMN

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (sung by all)

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

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5 **God said to His beloved Son:**
 “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever.”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Onward in Christ’s footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
 full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father’s bidding. And so we
 pray.

Dear Lord Jesus, You’ve freed us from the delusion of trying to earn and
maintain a relationship with You; from the anxiety of wondering what
You think about us; from the chains of condemnation and from fear of
death. That’s why we rejoice to say, “If the Son sets you free.”

People: **You will be free, indeed!**

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace can help us see, receive, and
 trust our Gospel freedoms. Send us Your Word and Spirit so that we live
 by the truth, “If the Son sets you free.”

People: **You will be free, indeed!**

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, free us from being arrogant, aggravated, and annoyed
 with people. Turn our angry reactions into slower and kinder responses.
 Send us Your Word and Spirit so that we share this truth with the world,
 “If the Sons sets you free.”

People: **You will be free, indeed!**

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, unshackle the chains of our lingering doubts and insecurities. Empower us to throw off the grave-clothes of shame and feelings of failure. Heal our wounds and free us from bitterness. Send us Your Word and Spirit so that we reflect this truth, "If the Son sets you free."

People: You will be free, indeed!

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, free us for larger hearts toward the lost, more mercy for doubters, and lavish love for all people. May our spouses feel cherished and appreciated, our children secure, and our loved ones treasured and valued.

People: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

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

Pastor: Jesus invites us to walk with Him to the Pilate's judgment hall, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

People: Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 **Glory be to Jesus,
 Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the lifeblood
 From His sacred veins!**

- 2 **Grace and life eternal
 In that blood I find;
 Blest be His compassion,
 Infinitely kind!**

- 3 **Blest through endless ages
 Be the precious stream
 Which from endless torment
 Did the world redeem!**

- 4 **Abel's blood for vengeance
 Pleaded to the skies;
 But the blood of Jesus
 For our pardon cries.**

- 5 **Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.**

- 6 **Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!**

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POSTLUDE

Glory Be to Jesus

setting by Charles Ore

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