
Mid-Week
Lenten Service
March 29, 2023



The Seder
"Remembering" Bitterness to The Lamb
Beitza (Roasted Egg)

-- **Welcome** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

-- OPENING RESPONSE

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen

Pastor: The LORD commanded the Red Sea to dry up. He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.

PEOPLE: He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.

Pastor: The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.

PEOPLE: Then his people believed his promises. Then they sang his praise.

Pastor: Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!

PEOPLE: The people made a calf at Mount Sinai; bowing before an image made of gold.

Pastor: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.

PEOPLE: So he declared he would destroy them.

Pastor: But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.

PEOPLE: He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them.

Pastor: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

-- THE OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LW 109 Vs. 1-4)

- 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 suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not perish.***

- 2. Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction,
Bond and stripes and wretched-ness and your cru-c i-fix-tion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
How you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.**
- 3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone make me see your Passion;
But its cause to me make known and its ter-mi-na-tion.
For I also and my sin brought your deep af-flic-tion;
This the shameful cause has been of your cru-ci-fix-tion.**
- 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?**

-- CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: *Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.*

PEOPLE: **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

Leader: *That is, in my sinful nature.*

PEOPLE: **I have the desire to do good.**

Leader: *But I cannot carry it out.*

PEOPLE: **What I do is not the good I want to do.**

Leader: *No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.*

PEOPLE: **I find this law at work**

Leader: *When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.*

PEOPLE: **In my inner being I delight in your law.**

Leader: *But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.*

PEOPLE: **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

(Silence for self-reflection)

Leader: *Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed, and his blood forgives you and sets you free! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **Amen**

Leader: O God, make your face shine upon us.

PEOPLE: Only then will we be saved!

Leader: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit so that we affirm with St. Paul, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want"; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson
Exodus 32:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The New Testament Lesson
1 Corinthians 10:5-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 5:27-30

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

-- THE APOSTLES CREED

-- THE SERMON – Beitza (Roasted Egg)

-- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord in your Mercy.

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

-- THE LORD'S PRAYER

-- THE BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you his peace.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

-- THE CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LW 109 Vs. 5 & 6)

- 5. If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm, peace and pardon give me.
Grant that I may trust in you and your holy Passion;
If his Son forgives anew, God must have compassion.***
- 6. Jesus, Lord, my heart renew, let me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, peace despite my losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.***

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE **APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9, 2023**

Starting THIS Sunday!

April 1 - Clean Up: 9:00 AM for cleaning inside the buildings and outdoor chapel.

April 2 - Palm Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (10:15 AM will be livestreamed)

April 6 - Maundy Thursday: Communion Service at 12:00 - Noon

Maundy Thursday: Seder Meal at various locations.

April 7 - Good Friday: 12:00 (Noon) and 7:00 PM

(Noon service will be livestreamed and broadcast)

April 9 -Easter Sunday: 6:45 AM (*outside*), 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

(10:15 AM will be livestreamed)

Easter Breakfast & Fellowship: starts after Sunrise Service (7:45ish) serving will end at 10:15 AM

Egg Hunt at 9:55 AM