

(continued...) The people stood watching. And even the rulers were ridiculing Him, saying, "He saved others. Let Him save Himself, if this is the Christ of God, the chosen One!" People who passed by kept insulting Him, shaking their heads and saying, "You Who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the Cross!" In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law and elders kept mocking Him. They said, "He saved others, but He cannot save Himself. If he's the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the Cross and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now, if He wants Him, because He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with Him kept insulting Him.

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming Him, saying, "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him, "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Standing near the Cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

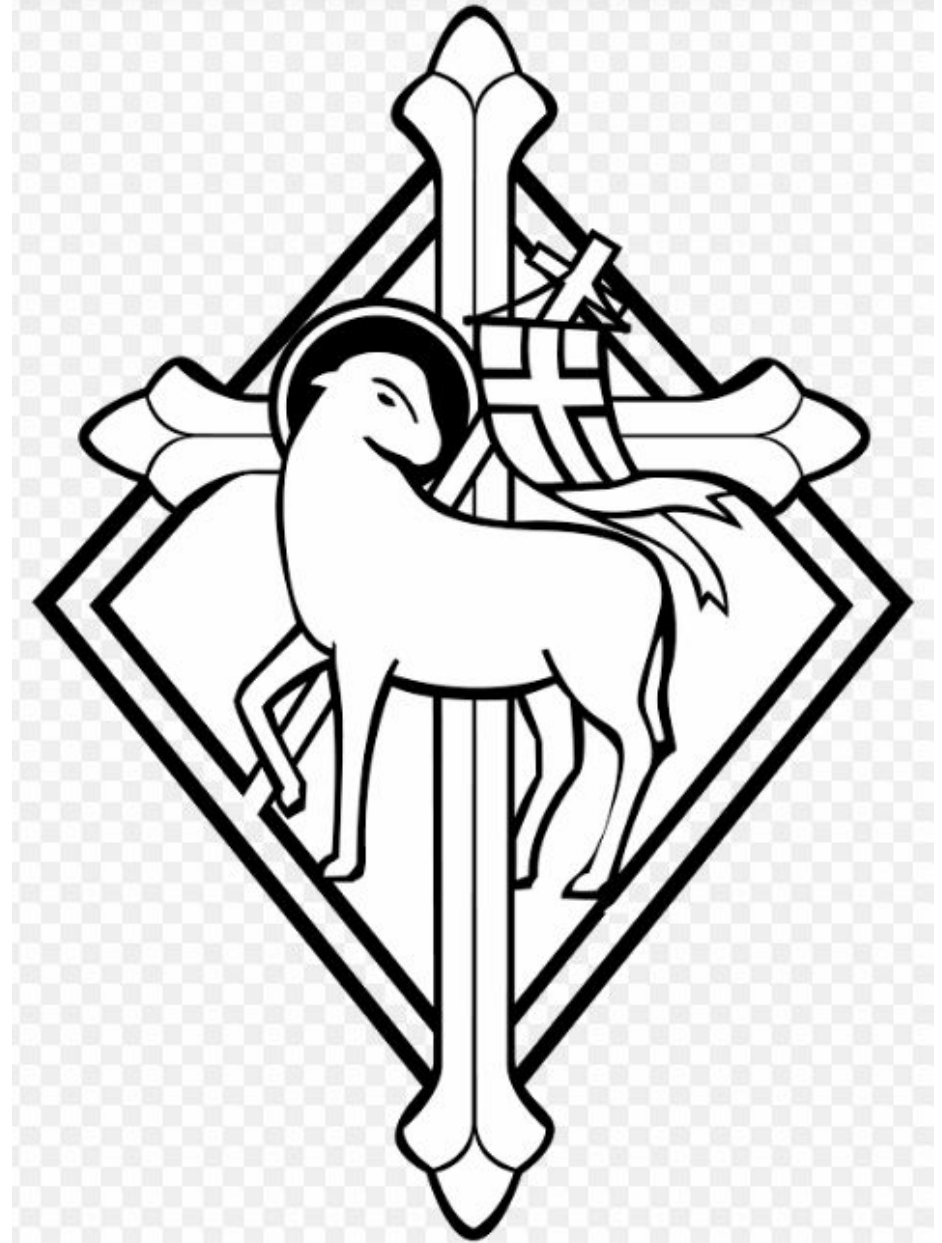
It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The sun was darkened. At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Listen, He is calling Elijah!"

After this, knowing that everything had now been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." A jar full of wine vinegar was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with vinegar. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. When Jesus had taken the wine vinegar, He said, "It is finished." Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your Hands I commit My spirit!" When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

Suddenly, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' Resurrection, went into the holy city, and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how He cried out and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God!"

All the crowds gathered to see this spectacle. When they saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. All those who knew Him, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served Him were there watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. Since it was Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath. Because that Sabbath was special, they asked Pilate to have their legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and then 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. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The man who saw it has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones will be broken." Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the One they pierced."
(Here ends the 6th Passion History Reading)

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... For You Are My God  April 5th, 2017  4:30 pm



*Historic Church Year Symbol for 5th Sunday in Lent: Judica – John 8:46-59
Jesus confronts the Pharisees saying "I AM" before father Abraham "was."*

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The INVOCATION (Congregation please rise if you are able.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

The CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Broken #292, Sing verses 1-5*

The VERSICLES & The GLORIA PATRI *ELH, p.120-121*

 **PSALMODY** Penitential Psalm 143: *Psalm of David* - Please READ along! 

P: ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

C: ² Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

³ For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

⁴ Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

⁶ I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

⁷ Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

⁸ Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

⁹ Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.

(All) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, One True God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY: 6TH READING ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ **Jesus Suffering & Crucifixion**

RESPONSORY *P: O LORD have mercy upon us. C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O LORD!*

MAIN HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELH #523 (4 verses) TUNE: RATHBUN*

SERMON 2017: PENITENTIAL PSALMS (Ps.143) "TEACH ME TO DO YOUR WILL"

(after sermon) The OFFERING

The VERSICLE *P: ♪ Let my prayers rise before You as incense:*

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands - As the ev'ning sacrifice.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*"Lord, Let Us Depart in Peace" ...music on page 124*)

C: ♪ 1. Lord, now You let Your servant ... de-part in peace: Accord-... -ing to Your Word.

2. For mine eyes have seen... Your Sal-va-tion; Which You have prepared before the face ... of all peo-ple.

3. A- Light to light- ... -en the Gen-tiles: And the glory of Your... peo-ple Isra-el.

4. Glory be to the Father ... and to the Son / And to... the Holy Ghost;

5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and... ever shall be / Forev-...er-more, A-men.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord Have Mercy*) **C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. - Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation pray, say together, ♪ *Sung Amen.*)

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, ♪A- -men.

The (Evening) COLLECT (*Pastor prays, Cong. Amen*) **C: ♪ A- - -men.**

The BENEDICAMUS *P: ♪ Let us bless the Lord. C: ♪ Thanks be to God.*

The BENEDICTION *P: ♪ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: ♪ A- - -men.*

CLOSING(BENEDICTION) But Since My Strength ... #292, Sing verses 11-15

Silent Prayer (Candles out.) **You may be seated.** **FELLOWSHIP**

History of Suffering & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Four Evangelists + The Wartburg Project Version© 2014.

SIXTH PASSION READING ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ **Jesus' Suffering & Crucifixion**

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Him to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means, "The place of a skull."). They offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. They crucified Him there with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Now it was the third hour when they crucified Him. Pilate also had a sign written and fastened to the Cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took His tunic which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Instead, let's cast lots to see who gets it." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So this is what the soldiers did. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over Him there. (...continues ↗)

L.5W LENT MIDWEEK-5 Psalm 143 "TEACH ME TO DO YOUR WILL" 04.05.17

INTRODUCTION Our text for tonight is **Psalm 143**, which we prayed earlier in the service. We will also be once more examining the explanation of the Office of the Keys & **Confession and Absolution**.

"The enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground." (Psalm **143:3**). That is how Satan works, my friends. Satan follows after the Christian and hounds him until the day he dies. Satan's one and only goal is to get you to deny Christ and His Word of forgiveness.

Satan's greatest weapon of war is the lie. Satan lies and deceives the Christian into believing that you don't sin. Or, he deceives you into believing that your sin isn't so very bad, that you don't really need Christ and His Word of forgiveness.

This is why we as Christians must pray the penitential Psalms, including **Psalm 143** before us. They teach us who we are as sinners who cling to Christ alone and His Word of Absolution. The psalms teach us what the Christian life is all about. They teach us about sin and forgiveness. In other words, we may well say with Luther that the Psalms are a little Bible that teach us everything we need to know to believe in Jesus and go to heaven.

But notice how very common the sins are that are before us. Let's look at **the Catechism** again. **Which [sins] are these?**

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a **father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker?** Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

There is **no murder** listed there. **No grand theft auto** or **adultery** or **rebellion**. These **sins are a part of your daily life**. And notice where they start. (They start with) **Who are you?** - Father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker. Each of us has a calling, a vocation where God has placed us. This is where God has given you to live and to work. And it is in that calling, in that vocation, that we need Law and Gospel, condemnation and absolution.

Who among us has not been unfaithful or lazy, hot-tempered or rude or quarrelsome? Have you picked a verbal fight with a co-worker or friend because you didn't get your way? Have you hurt others by your words or deeds? Have you stolen from your employer by not working as you should? Have you wasted the gifts God has given you? Have you stolen from God by not giving to the Church?

These are real sins. To the eyes of the world, these aren't big sins. They are trifles, nothing to be so concerned about. Yet it is these very trifles that God died on the Cross to forgive. If God takes them so seriously, then we should as well.

So that is **why we have Confession and Absolution**. God wants these sins gone from your life forever. He wants them cast into the depth of the sea, so that you may arise again as a new son or daughter in Jesus' Name.

This Lent we have taken a journey into God's **gift of Absolution**. It is easy to focus on the sins, on the act of Confession. Yes, it can be hard to confess. The words don't come out right. It's embarrassing. Or, it almost seems like much ado about nothing. I mean, who cares about how I treat my family or what I did at work or whatever my sin might be?

That is the whole point. God cares. He cares so much He sent His Son over to death so that you might live. When Jesus said **"IT IS FINISHED"** from the Cross, He is talking about your sin. Yes, He is talking about the time you were angry with your wife. He's talking about the time you nagged your husband and wouldn't give him any rest. He's talking about the time you were impatient with or didn't fulfill your parental duties to your children or grandchildren when they didn't do your wishes. He's talking about the time you refused to do what your boss asked of you at work. All of these and more.

(I hope) We've learned a lot about God's **Gift of (Individual) Confession and Absolution** this Lent. This has maybe been a new journey for many, and perhaps at times a bit strange. It can be a hard journey, but a wonderful journey. God has so many things to teach you and give you that He can hardly wait for you to hear His Word and be reconciled by His love. He longs to hear you say with David, *"Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me."* (Psalm **143:10**).

So flee and fly to God's Word of Absolution! Our Psalmist cries out, *"My soul thirsts for You like a parched land"*. (Psalm **143:6**). In a land and a time when sin is ignored or even held up as good, **flee to God's Word!** He will **not** hold your sins against you, but will forgive you for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. That is our hope. That is our trust. **That is our life as children of God. IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

HYMN PRAYER VERSE (**Now I Have Found the Ground Wherein**)

*Father, Your everlasting grace - Our scanty Thought surpasses far,
Your Heart still melts with tenderness, - Your Arms of Love still open are,
Returning sinners to receive, - That mercy they may taste and live!
Amen. (ELH 499. verse 2)*