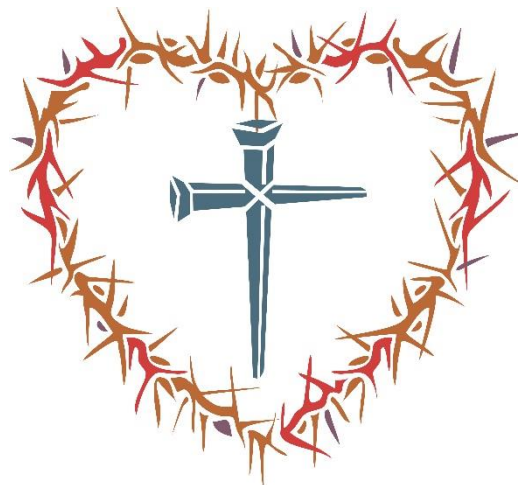


ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
YORKTOWN, TX

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES
March 10, 2021



Prelude

Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn:

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LBW #389

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Invocation and Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, help us to learn all that Jesus has commanded us! In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Opening Dialogue:

Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

This man is calling for Elijah.

Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints were raised.

Truly this man was Son of God!

First Reading: John 18:19-27

¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

A Reading from Luther's Small Catechism: Baptism Part 3

How can water do such great things?

It is not water that does these things, but God's Word with the water and our trust in this Word.

Water by itself is only water, but with the Word of God it is a life-giving water which by grace gives the new birth through the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul writes in Titus 3:

"He saved us...in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The saying is sure."

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

Third Reading: John 18:28-38a

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

Hymn:

"In the Hour of Trial"

LBW #106

In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt offerings.**

**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:16-18, 1-2)**

We have come to make confession before God. In Christ we are free to confess the sins of which we are aware and the sins which trouble us.

We confess before God that we are guilty of many sins. Especially we confess before Christ that...

We use your name in vain, Lord.

We taunt you and we mock your holiness. We treat your grace as those who kept watch at your crucifixion did your clothes, we cast lots and apportion it among ourselves as we deem fit.

We do not give the necessary honor to you, Lord.

We feed you and our neighbor wine mixed with gall and tell our neighbor to save themselves when they have a problem. For this, Master, we are sorry, and humbly repent. Begin our lives anew.

Lord, we confess that we do not understand the grievous nature of the sins we commit against you and against our neighbor until we see the consequences of our actions.

We ask you to guide our hearts and move us away from those sins so that we refrain from them and do Christian deeds in this world instead.

Lord, we are quick to handle details to make sure that things go our way instead of trusting your way.

We are controlling where we should be obedient, and doubtful where we should be joyful. Continue to teach us that we cannot and would not want to test your sovereignty, because you have the best in mind for us. Remind us that you are in charge.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

We pray as you taught the disciples to pray:

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:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn:

“My Faith Looks up to Thee”

LBW #479

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Dismissal:

Go to lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Thanks be to God.

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