Lent #6 Peace from the Passion of Christ April 1, 2020



Daily @ NOON (Mon-Thurs). Devotions w/Pastor (Facebook Live)

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Lord's Supper Available at St. James.

Palm Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship (**Facebook Live**) 11:00 a.m. Bible study (**Facebook Live**)

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Sermons, newsletters & highlights are on-line.

The Hymn of Invocation: LSB 435,

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



The Invocation

P: Grace and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: May His grace and peace be with you also as we worship our Lord together.

The Prayer of Confession

ALL: Lord God, You know how prone our hearts are to strife, mistrust, and temper: come to us and help us, and grant peace in our lives. Forgive us for praying so little, for our lack of concern for others, for stubbornly insisting upon our rights, and make us to know that without Your peace our hearts will have no lasting peace. Give us, O God, the will to be reconciled to You and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Promise of God

- P: Our great God promises forgiveness, peace and new life to us because of what Jesus Christ has done as our Savior. "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come pray to Me, and I will hear you." (Jer. 29:11-12)
- C: O God, You will keep those in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast in You, knowing that we are forgiven and at peace with You through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

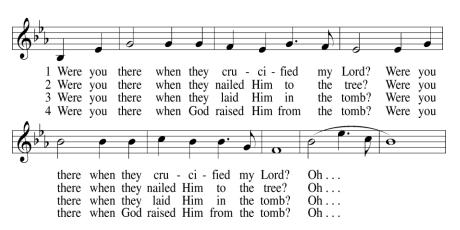
The Prayer for Help (Psalm 4, TEV)

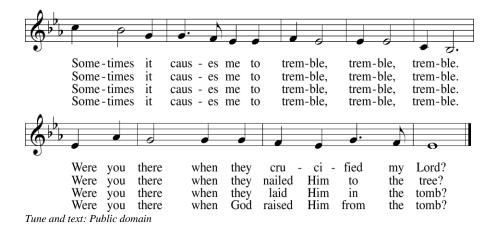
- P: Answer me when I pray, O God, my Defender! When I was in trouble, You helped me. Be kind to me now and hear my prayer.
- C: How long will you people insult me? How long will you love what is worthless and go after what is false?

- P: Remember that the Lord has chosen the righteous for His own, and He hears me when I call to Him.
- C: Tremble with fear and stop sinning; think deeply about this, when you lie in silence on your beds.
- P: Offer the right sacrifices to the Lord and put your trust in Him.
- C: There are many who pray, "Give us more blessings, O Lord. Look on us with kindness!"
- P: But the joy that You have given me is more than they will ever have with all their grain and wine.
- C: When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; You alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels (Part 5 -- Calvary)

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 456, "Were You There"





The Sermon: Matthew 27:11-24, "The Fruit of the Spirit is Peace."

The Offering

The Litany on Peace

P: Jesus came closer to the city and when He saw it, He wept over it, saying, "If you only knew today what is needed for peace."

C: When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape.

P: Jesus told His disciples, "I have said this to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

C: Peace is what I leave with you; it is My own peace that I give you.

I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried or upset; do not be afraid."

- P: For Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
- C: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
- P: For the kingdom of God does not mean food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- C: Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.
- P: Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
- C: And may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.
- P: To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace.

ALL: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation.

(Luke 19:41-42 TEV; 1 Thess. 5:3; John 16:33 adapted; 14:27 TEV; Eph. 2:14, 17; Rom 5:1-2; 14:17, 19; Col. 3:15; Rom. 8:6 TEV; Matt. 2:29-30 adapted)

The Lord's Prayer (All)

The Closing Prayer

P: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, give to Your servants that peace which the world cannot give that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended by You, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Benediction:

P: Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

The Closing Hymn: LSB 878, "Abide with Me"



- I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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