

MESSY: LOVING OTHERS ISN'T EASY



The theme for this year's Lenten services examines the command to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Although the command is used throughout the Bible, loving others isn't easy.

It requires selflessness and intentionality. Each week's message considers the different aspects of love as depicted in that particular text. The topics include: justice, forgiveness, mercy, salvation, and self-sacrifice.

"Messy" culminates in the gift of Christ's love and the need to share it with those around us.

GOOD FRIDAY

† *Soli Deo Gloria* †

PROCESSIONAL

† PREPARATION †

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION

From 1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lent Anthem “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB 422

On my heart im-print Your im-age,
Bless-ed Je-sus, King of grace,
That life’s rich-es, cares, and plea-sures
Nev-er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in-scrip-tion be:
Je-sus, cru-ci-fied for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foun-da-tion,
And my glo-ry and sal-va-tion!

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Is. 52:13-53:12

(The Song of the Suffering Servant)

- P** Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you---his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind---
- C** **so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.**
- P** Who has believed what they heard from us?
- C** **And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**
- P** For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
- C** **He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,

Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

P Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

C **But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

P He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

C **And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451

- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

P Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

C **Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

EPISTLE READING

HEB. 4:14-16; 5:7-9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLE'S 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 HYMN

“WERE YOU THERE”

LSB 456

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

4 Were you there when God raised Him from the
 tomb?
 Were you there when God raised Him from the
 tomb?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when God raised Him from the
 tomb?

SERMON

PASTOR SCHMIDT

ANTHEM

“Create In Me”

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.
Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence,
And take not Thy ho-ly Spir-it from me.
Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy Sal-va-tion,
and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
 With grief and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
 What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call Thee mine.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 18:1-11(*NIV*)

(*Betrayal and arrest of Jesus*)

P When He had finished praying, Jesus left with His disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and He and His disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers

and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out

P "Who is it you want?"

C "**Jesus of Nazareth,**" they replied.

P "I am He," Jesus said.

(And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)

When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them,

"Who is it you want?"

C **And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."**

P "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go."

This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those You gave Me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter,

"Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?"

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 18:12-27 (NIV)

(Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)

P Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

Women: *"You are not one of His disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter.*

Men: *He replied, "I am not."*

P It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard Me. Surely they know what I said."

When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck Him in the face.

C **"Is this the way You answer the high priest?" he demanded.**

P "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked,

Women: *"You are not one of His disciples, are you?"*

Men: *He denied it, saying, "I am not."*

P One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him,

C **"Didn't I see you with Him in the olive grove?"**

P Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 18:28-40 (NIV)
(Jesus before Pilate)

P Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

"What charges are you bringing against this man?"

C **"If He were not a criminal we would not have handed Him over to you."**

P Pilate said, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law."

C **"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected.**

P This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death He was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him,

"Are You the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"

C **Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place."**

P "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

C **Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."**

P "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

"I find no basis for a charge against Him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews?'"

C **They shouted back, "No, not Him! Give us Barabbas!"**

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
 Christ, have mercy upon us;
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
 My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
 O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
 With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
 To heav'nly joys above.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 19:1-16a (NIV)

(Jesus prepared for crucifixion)

P Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying,

Men: *"Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face.*

P Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him."

When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them,

"Here is the man!"

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted,

C **"Crucify! Crucify!"**

P But Pilate answered,

"You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him."

The Jews insisted,

C **"We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God."**

P When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace.

"Where do You come from?"

He asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

"Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting,

C **"If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."**

P When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement

(which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

C **But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!"**

P "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

C **"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.**

P Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 19:16b-24 (NIV)
(The crucifixion of Jesus)

P So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others---one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

C "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

P Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

Men: "Let's not tear it, let's decide by lot who will get it."

Women: This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

C "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."

P So this is what the soldiers did.

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 19:25-30 (NIV)

(Jesus' mother and His death)

P Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

"I am thirsty."

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

KYRIE

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

A candle is extinguished.

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 19:31-37 (NIV)

(Jesus' side is pierced.)

P Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:

C **"Not one of His bones will be broken,"**

P and, as another scripture says,
C "They will look on the one they have pierced."

KYRIE

All: Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

A candle is extinguished.

TOLLING OF THE BELL REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE PARTING

After the tolling of the bell, all may leave the church in silence. The omission of the collection of an offering is an admonition of Jesus as our offering to God. The omission of the benediction indicates that our worship here tonight is not complete until we see life again on Sunday. Until then, we wait and long to worship God... to rejoice in Him Easter morning, Service is at 8:00am.

**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Today
April 10, 2020**

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**These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.
But, we will get through it *together* by the grace of God.**

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

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