



Lent 4

## The Order of Worship

### Pre-Service Music

#### Welcome

#### Gathering Rite

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you;

**C: And also with you.**

P: O Lord, open my lips;

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God;

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit,

**C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**

#### Hymn

“Lord, Jesus You are Going Forth”

*Christian Worship 126 st. 1-2*

Lord Jesus, you are going forth  
For me your life to offer,  
For me, a sinner from my birth,  
Who caused all you must suffer.  
So be it then, my dearest Friend;  
I follow after weeping, tears flowing free  
Your pain to see, watch o'er your sorrows keeping.

O soul, come hither and behold  
The fruit of your transgression!  
My burden is the curse of old  
And for your sin my passion.  
Now comes the night of sin's dread might;  
Your guilt I here am bearing.  
Oh, weight it, soul; I make you whole,  
No need now of despairing.

P: Jesus invites us, “come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

**C: O Lord, in humility we come. We are weary because our sins weigh us down, and there is no relief. We are burdened by the just sentence placed upon our sinful disobedience, and there is no place to turn for reprieve.**

**Hymn**

“Lord Jesus You are Going Forth”  
*Christian Worship 126 st. 3*

‘Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess,  
Who should have borne sin’s wages  
And lost the peace of heav’nly bliss  
Through everlasting ages.  
Instead you go to bear the blow,  
My punishment to carry.  
Your death and blood lead me to God;  
By grace I there may tarry.

P: Jesus assures us, that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C: O Lord, in mercy you sought us. You heard our desperate cry for rescue, and you secured the forgiveness of our sins. How blessed we are that your precious blood purifies us from all our sins and guilt.**

**Hymn**

“Lord Jesus You are Going Forth”  
*Christian Worship 126 st. 4*

O soul, I take upon me now  
The pain you should have suffered.  
My death will your release allow;  
My gift is freely offered.  
The curse I choose that you might lose  
Sin’s curse and guilt forever.

My gift of love from heav'n above  
Will give you blessing ever.

P: It is only by grace through faith we can ever have the confidence to say, "I sought the Lord and he answered me. From all my terrors, he delivered me. From all my distress he saved me. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

**Hymn**

"Lord Jesus You are Going Forth"  
*Christian Worship 126 st. 5*

What can I for such love divine  
To you, Lord Jesus, render?  
No merit has this heart of mine;  
Yet while I live I'll tender  
Myself alone and all I own  
In love to serve before you.  
Then when time's past, take me at last;  
In heav'n I shall adore you.

**Evening Prayer**

P: O gracious Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have always loved us with an everlasting love. That love was displayed when you went the way of the cross. Daily lead us to acknowledge it was our sins and disobedience which made it necessary for you to suffer and die. Now, because of your undeserved mercy, we are free from our misery. Bless us as we worship you—together with your Father and the Spirit—our only true and saving God.

**C: Amen.**

**The Passion History according to the Four Gospels**

*Part 4—Trial before Caiaphas*

As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law. They

brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”

But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!” Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.

### *Trial Before Pilate*

Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?”

They answered him, “If this man were not a criminal, we

would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

The Jews said, “It’s not legal for us to put anyone to death.” This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

“It is as you say,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

“What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean.

When he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

P: This is the record of our Savior's Passion!

*Congregation sings*                    "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"  
*Christian Worship 319*

On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r to hide your face.  
This is the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation.

### **Confession of Faith**

*(we join in the words of Luther's Explanation the  
Second Article of the Apostles Creed)*

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his**

**holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

*Christian Worship 128*

Not all the blood of beasts on Israel’s altar slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,  
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,  
As penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree — I know my guilt was there!

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and  
sing his bleeding love.

**“The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus”**

**Hearts have Become Polluted by Sin**

*Genesis 4:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>The man was intimate with Eve, his wife. She conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, “I have gotten a man with the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>She also gave birth to Cain’s brother Abel.

Abel tended sheep, but Cain worked the ground. <sup>3</sup>As time passed, one day Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the



fruit of the soil. <sup>4</sup>Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD looked favorably on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering. Cain was very angry, and his face showed it.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why do you have that angry look on your face? <sup>7</sup>If you do good, will you not be lifted up? If you do not do good, sin is crouching at the door. It has a strong desire for you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Cain said to Abel, his brother, “Let’s go into the field.” When they were in the field, Cain attacked Abel, his brother, and killed him.

### **Hearts are Purified by Christ**

*Colossians 3:12-15*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful.

### **“Hearts Once Polluted are Now Purified”**

#### **Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks**

#### **Evening Litany** (*we read responsively*)

P: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,  
Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fast-

ing, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By your bloody sweat and bitter agony, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By your triumphant resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the promised coming of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: From all spiritual blindness; from self-pride and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of true Christ-like love; From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of the heart, and contempt for your Word and your will:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**C: Grant us your peace.**

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear us as we pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

**Hymn**

“Jesus Grant That Balm and Healing”  
*Christian Worship 121 st. 1-4*

Jesus, grant that balm and healing in your holy wounds I find,  
Ev’ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
keep me from its first beginning.

Should some lust or sharp temptation fascinate my sinful mind,  
Let me think about your passion, and new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, “Christ for me was wounded,”  
that the tempter flee confounded,

If the world my heart entices with the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices, let me think about the load  
You were willing to endure; then I’ll flee all thoughts impure,  
Mastering each wild temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.

Ev’ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds,  
Lord, is made whole;  
When I’m weak, your cross revives me,  
granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, your comfort renders sweet ev’ry bitter cup I meet;  
For your all atoning passion has procured my soul’s salvation.

### Evening Prayer

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your people, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness while praying with boldness and confidence, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### The Benediction:

P: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.



**C: A — — men!**

### Closing Hymn

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

*Christian Worship 592*

All praise to thee, my God, this night  
For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath thine own almighty wings.  
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and thee  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die so that I may  
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.  
Oh, may my soul on thee repose  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Silent Prayers**

#### **Announcements**

**Tonight** - In our faithful Savior's name, *Welcome to our Mid-week Worship!* May the blessing of Jesus' precious work lead you to rejoice in the cleansing flood of his blood which purifies us and our hearts from all our sins.

**Friday**—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Clean: Schueler

- Mowing beginning March 3rd—J. Schroeder
- LWMS Spring Rally at Calvary, Canyon Country (Santa Clarita). Please see the announcement for more information.

**Sunday, March 10th—In-person worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am.** The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes, and the way he deals with sinners never changes. He calls for repentance, then in his mercy, he offers full and free forgiveness. It is because of the way the Lord works with us that we come to him to find peace.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will review

the familiar words from Ephesians 2:8-10.

### Thank You

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### LWMS Spring Rally

On **March 9th**, Calvary Lutheran Church, Canyon Country, will host their first spring rally. Registration starts at 8:30 am and it concludes at 2:30 pm. The speaker will be Pastor Barton Cox. He was assigned to the congregation from the Seminary to do a “mission restart.” His presentation will focus on the “Andrew Plan—Come and See!”

Come and learn more about sharing Jesus Christ as you also support our sister congregation of the Los Angeles Circuit.



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