



MY GOD, MY GOD.

why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 27:46

† *Congregation stands as able*

GATHERING

Prayer of the Day:

P. Let us pray,

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. ^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. Whenever you make an offering for sin, you shall see your offspring have a long life; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-20

Tone 9

- ¹My God, my God, why have you for-¹saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words¹ of my groaning?
- ²**My God, I cry out by day, but you¹ do not answer;
by night, but I¹ find no rest.**
- ³Yet you are the¹ Holy One, enthroned on the prais-¹es of Israel.
- ⁴**Our ancestors put their¹ trust in you,
they trusted, and you¹ rescued them.**
- ⁵They cried out to you and¹ were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not¹ put to shame.
- ⁶**But as for me, I am a worm¹ and not human,
scorned by all and despised¹ by the people.**
- ⁷All who see me laugh¹ me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they¹ shake their heads.
- ⁸**"Trust in the LORD; let the¹ LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de-¹lights in him."**
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth¹ from the womb,
and kept me safe on my¹ mother's breast.
- ¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since¹ I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my¹ mother's womb.**
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-¹ble is near, and there is no¹ one to help.
- ¹²**Many young bulls en-¹circle me; strong bulls of Ba-¹shan surround me.**
- ¹³They open wide their¹ jaws at me, like a slashing and¹ roaring lion.
- ¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are¹ out of joint;
my heart within my breast is¹ melting wax.**
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof¹ of my
mouth; and you have laid me in the¹ dust of death.
- ¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers¹ circles round me;
they pierce my hands¹ and my feet.**
- ¹⁷I can count¹ all my bones while they stare at¹ me and gloat.
- ¹⁸**They divide my gar-¹ments among them;
for my clothing,¹ they cast lots.**
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not¹ far away; O my help, hasten¹ to my aid.
- ²⁰**Deliver me¹ from the sword, my life from the power¹ of the dog.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,] ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us

consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 19:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

.¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the crowd, "Here is your King!"¹⁵ They cried out, "**Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²⁰ Many of the people read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and breathed his last.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Three Final Words

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Hymn of the Day

"My Song is Love Unknown"

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You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Bidding Prayer

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for all the servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and our teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and selected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

SENDING

P: You have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Brief silence

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace.

All depart in silence.

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings from the Consultation on Common Texts

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture--particularly in John and Acts--have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement



Reach in to grow in Christ

Reach up to worship God

Reach out to welcome and witness

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