#### Lenten Midweek 1

#### March 1, 2023

This year in our mid week Lenten worship we look at "Acceptable" Sins? We often focus on the sins of others. We talk about what we think of as "big" sins we see in the world. In this Lenten series we will focus on sins God hates with which we have, unfortunately, grown comfortable.

# GATHERING RITE

#### Stand

- (sing) Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee; My Father's mercy here I plead, For grievous sins of thought and deed.
- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### C: Amen.

M: With these words we were called by the Holy Spirit to be members of God's family at our baptism. Gathered together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humble ourselves before God, and admit to him and to one another that we have not lived as God's children ought to live.

Silence for personal confession

- M: Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord;
- C: Do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.
- M: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, 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 neighbor as ourselves. We deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus, 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.
- (sing) I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me; I lay before him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.

Lord, may your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart; Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves you joyfully.



the life and death of

of our worship.

Christ. This is the focus

M: God said, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:34). For the sake of Jesus Christ, God has had mercy on you and me, and has kept his promise to provide forgiveness. Therefore, I, as a called servant of Jesus Christ, and at his command, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### C: Amen.

(sing) From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your Shepherd speaks, but you are heard; Through him your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.

> Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free. Held in my Father's strong embrace, With joy I praise him for his grace.

Be seated

# THE WORD

# **Special Music**

- **Passion History according to Matthew The Passover and the Last Supper** Pastor: When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "As you know the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."
- Congregation: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."
- Men: Then one of the Twelve the one called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.
- Pastor: On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'the Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.
- Women: When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

Pastor: They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other,

Congregation: "Surely not I, Lord?"

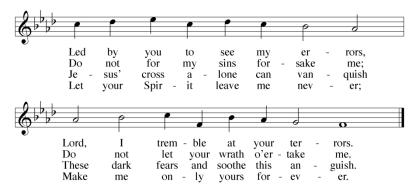
- Pastor: Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."
- Men: Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."
- Pastor: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.
- Women: When they had sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
- Pastor: Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

# **Seasonal Response**

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn 4. you sion: 1 Lord. to I make con - fes -I have 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap pall me, Fa \_ ther, 3 For has Giv'n him your Son suf - fered for me, 4 Lord, on you I cast my bur den-Sink it -0 0 50 sinned and gone a - stray; Ι have mul \_ ti \_ plied I will face. Though your child I dare seek your self Died to res - cue me, to save me and depths be - low! in the Let me know your gra sion. Cho for my - self my way. trans - gres \_ sen your grace. call Yet ceive not me, re me to re store me. Rec on \_ ciled and set me free. cious par don; Wash me, make me white as snow.

Lord, to You I Make Confession CW 302



Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: HERR, ICH HABE MISSGEHANDELT (87 87 88) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

### Sermon

# **Pride/Judgmental**

Proverbs 8:13

#### Stand

**Prayer of the Church** 

#### 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

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

#### C: Amen.

#### Be Seated

# Hymn

6 Oh, how blest it is to know, Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion, For these words I do believe— Jesus sinners does receive.

#### Jesus Sinners Does Receive CW 304:6,7

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave— Jesus sinners does receive.

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