

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 you 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.

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Glorify God

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to help people

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in the **Gospel**
and

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with the **Gospel**

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

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

Calvary

Pastor: As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). They offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”

Congregation: In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God.” In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Pastor: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani?*” – which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Women: When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes again.”

Pastor: And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Congregation: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had

died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Men: When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Women: Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Pastor: As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

Congregation: The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

Pastor: "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

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

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God CW 307



1 Won - drous are your ways, O God! No one can es -
2 Search me, God, and know my heart, Lord of truth and



cape you! Far - thest space nor great - est depth Can - not
mer - cy. From a - far, O Lord, you know All my



hide me from you! Long be - fore I came to birth,
thoughts, my se - crets. And if an - y wick - ed way



Your eye saw and knew me. E - ven in life's
Should be found with - in me, Cleanse, for - give me



dark - est hour In your hand you hold me.
by your grace; By your Spir - it guide me.

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Sermon

Unthankfulness

Deuteronomy 11:10-18

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

Jesus Sinners Does Receive CW 304:6,7

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.

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.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

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