

## *Sixth Wednesday in Lent*

MARCH 29, 2023

3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

*Throughout this Lenten season, we have walked through the entire Story of God, from creation to redemption all the way to new creation. Jesus is the one who carries us from chapter to chapter in God's Story. Jesus was there before eternity. Jesus is the one who redeems us by His blood. Jesus is the one who defeated sin, death, and the power of the devil. And Jesus is the one who is seated on the throne, where we will worship Him forever. Jesus is true God and true man, and by His wounds we are healed.*

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

3:30 p.m.

*Jesus Shall Reign*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bells

THE OPENING HYMN

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LSB #430

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
6. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*  
*C: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*  
*P: But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;*  
*C: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.*  
*P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;*  
*C: and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*  
*(Time of silence for individual confession)*

## THE ABSOLUTION

### THE SONG RESPONSE

#### ***Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted***

LSB #451

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like this?  
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.
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.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of

the garden,<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:39-44

<sup>39</sup> And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE LENTEN MUSICAL OFFERING

3:30 p.m.

***10,000 Reasons***

8th Grade Bells

7:00 p.m.

***The Power of the Cross***

Organ/Piano Duet

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

*P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, true Son of God, and Holy Spirit, we praise You and we give You thanks for Your great works.*

*C: Blessed are You, Oh Lord our God.*

*P: We thank You for Your work of creation. We thank You for making the world to be good in its service of You.*

*C: We thank You for giving life to humanity, and for creating us in Your image.*

*P: We believe that Jesus Christ was sent into this now fallen and broken world, not to condemn the world, but to save it.*

*C: We thank You for redeeming us through Your sacrifice, and for giving us the hope of resurrection by rising again on the third day.*

*P: Lord, please help us to live as people of the new creation, bringing Your Kingdom to the ends of the earth.*

*C: We believe that You will raise us and all the saints from the dead on the last day, and we look forward to the day when all creation is fully restored! Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

***O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken***

LSB #439

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken

- That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?
3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.
6. There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,  
Such woe it wrought me.
15. And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven,  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
I, too, shall praise Thee.

THE SERMON

Vicar PJ Brooks

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

***I Love to Tell the Story***

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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