



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

# **Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

## **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**



## Welcome

### Invocation

Pastor: In this Holy Season of Lent, we are gathered in the name of the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

### Opening Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray...O God our Rock and Salvation,

**All: be with us in this time of worship online and wherever we are.**

Pastor: Send your Holy Spirit to us again,

**All: to call, enlighten, and sanctify us.**

Pastor: We lift our prayers up to you, Almighty God.

**All: May your Holy Spirit pray for us with sighs too deep for words.**

Pastor: In these days of sickness and fear, O Lord,

**All: send to us again the miracle of your healing and your peace.**

Pastor: Bless our leaders and healers, Holy One.

**All: Give them wisdom and strength.**

Pastor: Bless us in spiritual gathering, in prayers, in sacred scripture, and in music.

**All: Bless us all in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Prelude: Nocturne No.1 -Alexander

### Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us pray...Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I



therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**Hymn** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 335 (v.2) [Practice Refrain first]

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - sored soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



## Gospel of Mark 15:22-39

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of St. Mark, chapter 15.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Pastor: <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Interlude 2 Benjamin Cornelius-Bates

**Homily** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" by Pastor Tony Prinsen

## Interlude 1 Benjamin Cornelius-Bates

### Intercessory Prayers

Pastor: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*



Pastor: God of grace, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of creation, protect from pollution all that you have made. Use us to do the work of your hands in caring for the earth, air, waters, plants, and animals. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of mercy, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of wholeness, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of love, join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news in all situations. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace in any way that we can. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of healing, renew us in the promises of baptism. Be with those suffering from this pandemic. Bless them with healing. Bless doctors, nurses, medical staff, all those who work in hospitals, clinics, emergency rooms, urgent care and healing ministries. Give them strength; give them endurance; give them your grace. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of life, we thank you for those saints before us who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



## Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338 v. 3

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### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.



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## **Blessing and Sending**

Pastor: In this holy season of Lent, may God who calls us to repentance bless you, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace and remember the poor!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: Nocturne No. 8-Alexander**