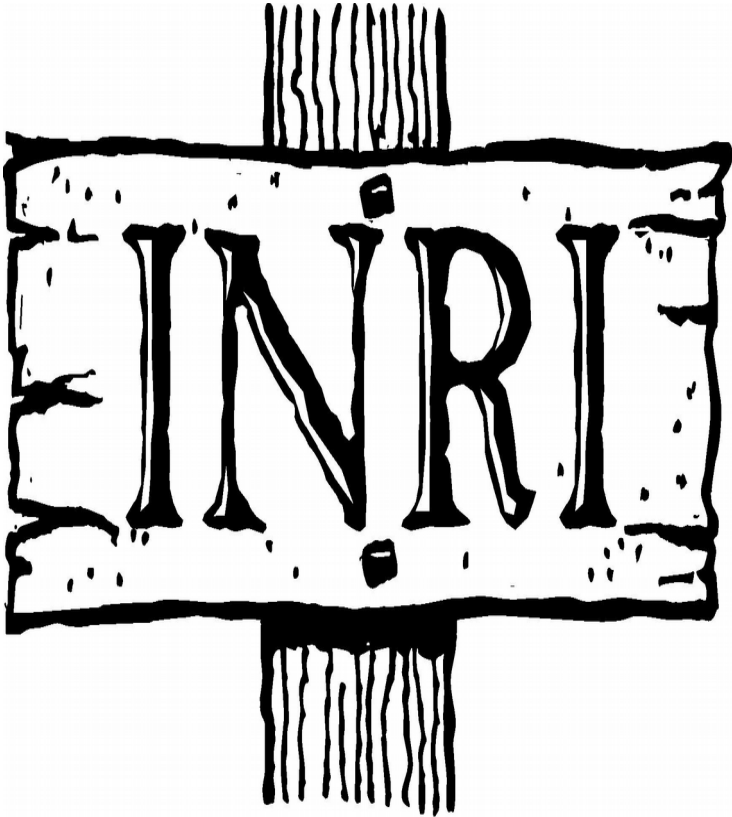


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✠ Good Friday ✠

March 30, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Galatians 3:10-13

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” ¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” ¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

Hymn #166 – Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Invocation

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C ♪ Amen.

Opening Versicles - TLH p. 41

- P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.
C ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**
C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 22 (Selected Verses)

[With hymn verses from Hymn #172]

- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
C **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**
P Our fathers trusted in You;
C **They trusted, and You delivered them.**
P But I am a worm, and no man;
C **A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

Hymn 172 v. 1

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

- P** All those who see Me ridicule Me;
- C** **They shoot out the lip, they shake the head.**
- P** “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
- C** **Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”**
- P** I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
- C** **My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.**
- P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;
- C** **You have brought Me to the dust of death.**
- P** For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
- C** **They pierced My hands and My feet;**

Hymn #172 v. 2

Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee And flee before Thy glance.
How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as morn!

- P** I can count all My bones.
- C** **They look and stare at Me.**
- P** They divide My garments among them,
- C** **And for My clothing they cast lots.**
- P** But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
- C** **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**

Hymn #172 v. 4 - Confession of Sins

My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression Which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee, Wrath were my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!

Absolution

[From Romans 4:25-5:2]

P [Jesus] was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hymn #172 v. 7

The joy can ne'er be spoken, Above all joys beside,
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide.
O Lord of life, desiring Thy glory now to see,
Beside Thy cross expiring, I'd breathe my soul to Thee. Amen.

The Salutation

[A liturgical dialogue of mutual greeting. Pastor and people bless each other as a sign of the bond of love that should reside among God's people.]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

The Collect for the Day

[The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer]

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that You might remove from us the power of the adversary: Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. ¹ Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is

despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Confession of Faith - Explanation to the Second Article by Martin Luther *[We boldly confess what we believe]*

P & **C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn #167 – O Darkest Woe

Sermon Text – John 19:17-30

¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘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 garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by 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 nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Sermon Theme – INRI

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts for the ILC Improvement Fund

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Passion History - The Burial of Jesus

And now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea a city of the Jews, a prominent council member, a good and just man, who had not consented to their counsel and deed, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God, for he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked that he might take away the body of Jesus.

And Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and calling the centurion to him, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. And when he found out from the centurion, he commanded the body to be given to him. And Joseph bought fine linen. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came; and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, which had been taken down, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb which was Joseph's, which was hewn out of the rock, in which no one had ever been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, and the Sabbath drew near, for the tomb was nearby. And they rolled a large stone against the door of

the tomb and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and Mary the mother of Joses, sitting opposite the tomb, also other women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, and they observed how His body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils, and rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Now the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying: Sir, we remember while He was alive, how that deceiver said: After three days I will rise. Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, steal Him away, and say to the people: He has risen from the dead. So the last deception will be worse than the first. Pilate said to them: You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how. So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone, and setting the guard.

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

Silent Prayer

[Our service ends with a personal prayer]

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Brunch: 8:30 am
Worship: 10:00 am