
Midweek Lent 5

March 9, 2016

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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Opening Hymn - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

CW 125

Meditation

1 John 1:5-8

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not live by the truth.**

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

All: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passion History According to Luke

On Trial Before Pilate

Luke 23:1-25 Selected Verses

¹Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." ³So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. ⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." ⁵But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." ⁶On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. ⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends-before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁸With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" ²²For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: By his wounds we are healed.

Musical Selection Grade School

“Now Behold the Lamb”

Text and Music: Kirk Franklin ©1996 Lilly Mack Music

Sermon

John 11:45-53

"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People "

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked.

"Here is this man performing many miraculous signs.

⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

⁴⁹Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all!

⁵⁰You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

⁵¹He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,

⁵²and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

⁵³So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

Offering and Offertory

Prayer

P: Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

2 John 3

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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EASTER FOR KIDS Saturday, March 19, from 9:30-11:30, for ages 4-10.
More information on the poster in the narthex.

SUNDAY HANDING OUT FLYERS We are handing out flyers for our Easter for Kids and Holy Week services this Sunday, March 13, at 11:30a. Take a few home to hand out in your neighborhood.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME "Spring ahead" this Sunday!

ANNUAL TOWN/VOTER'S MEETING Sunday, March 20, at 9:15a.
Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's Ministry.