

A Service of Evening Prayer
April 11, 2022
Monday of Holy Week



God sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. *1 John 4:10*

CP 199 Who Would Ever Have Believed It

1 Who would ever have believed it?
 Who could ever have conceived it?
 Who dared trace God's hand behind it
 when a servant came among us?

2 Like a sapling in dry soil,
 he was rooted in our presence;
 lacking beauty, grace, and splendour,
 no one felt attracted to him.

3 We despised him; we disowned him,
 though he clearly hurt and suffered:
 we, believing he was worthless,
 never turned our eyes towards him.

4 Yet it was the pain and torment
 we deserved which he accepted,
 while we reckoned his afflictions
 must have come by heaven's instruction.

5 Though our sins let him be wounded,
 though our cruelty left him beaten
 yet, through how and why he suffered,
 God revealed our hope of healing.

6 We, like sheep despite our wisdom,
 all had wandered from God's purpose;
 and our due in pain and anger
 God let fall on one among us.

7 Who would ever have believed it?
 Who could ever have conceived it?
 Who dared trace God's hand behind it
 when a servant came among us?

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 36:5-11

36:5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

36:6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

36:7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

36:8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

36:10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!36:

11 Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

A Reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

42:1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

42:2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

42:3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

42:4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

42:5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

42:6 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

42:7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

42:8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

42:9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Hebrews 9:11-15

9:11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

9:12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,

9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

9:15 For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12:1-11

12:1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

12:2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

12:3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

12:4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

12:6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

12:7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

12:8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

12:9 When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

12:10 So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well,

12:11 since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7172456 Thank You Jesus for the Blood

1 I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of
time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

2 So You made a way across the great
divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here
inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus

***Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me clean
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into
glorious light***

3 You took my place laid inside my tomb of
sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has no
end
For I have been transformed by the blood of
the Lamb

Bridge

There is nothing stronger
Than (Oh) the wonder working power
Of the blood the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood the blood

Ending

Glory to His name
Glory to His Name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 he welcomes sinners
 and invites them to his table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,
 may we, walking in the way of the cross,
 find it is for us the way of life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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,
 the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 202 There Is a Green Hill Far Away

1 There is a green hill far away,
 outside a city wall,
 where the dear Lord was crucified
 who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell,
 what pains he had to bear;
 but we believe it was for us
 he hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
 he died to make us good,
 that we might go at last to heaven,
 saved by his precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough
 to pay the price of sin;
 he only could unlock the gate
 of heaven and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
 and we must love him too,
 and trust in his redeeming blood,
 and try his works to do.

The Dismissal

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Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.