



Zion & St. James Lutheran Churches
Martin County, Minnesota

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***When Jesus says, “It is finished” (John 19:30),
he doesn’t mean his life or the crucifixion process.
Rather, Jesus has accomplished salvation for all who desire it.
Welcome to worship at the foot of the cross.***

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

Passion Psalm

Psalm 22:1–20



- ¹ ***My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me? ****
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my |
groaning?
- ² ***O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer, ****
and by night, but I | find no rest.
- ³ ***Yet you are | holy, ****
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- ⁴ ***In you our fathers | trusted; ****
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
- ⁵ ***To you they cried and were | rescued; ****
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- ⁶ ***But I am a worm and | not a man, ****
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
- ⁷ ***All who see me | mock me; ****
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
- ⁸ ***“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him; ****
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me | from the womb; *
you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.
¹⁰On you was I cast | from my birth, *
and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.
¹¹Be not far from me,
 for trouble | is near, *
and there is | none to help.

¹²Many bulls en- | compass me; *
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
¹³they open wide their | mouths at me, *
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are | out of joint; *
my heart is like wax;
it is melted with- | in my breast;
¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks | to my jaws; *
you lay me in the | dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs en- | compass me; *
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my | hands and feet—
¹⁷I can count | all my bones— *
they stare and gloat | over me;
¹⁸they divide my garments a- | mong them, *
and for my clothing they | cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be | far off! *
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
²⁰Deliver my soul | from the sword, *
my precious life from the power | of the dog!

Sit

Reading

Isaiah 53

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
 and like a root out of dry ground;
 he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
 and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
 a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 and as one from whom men hide their faces
 he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
 and carried our sorrows;
 yet we esteemed him stricken,
 smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All 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.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
 yet he opened not his mouth;
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
 and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
 so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
 and as for his generation, who considered
 that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
 stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
 and with a rich man in his death,
 although he had done no violence,
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
 he has put him to grief;
 when his soul makes an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
 the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
 by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
 make many to be accounted righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
 because he poured out his soul to death
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
 yet he bore the sin of many,
 and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Seven Final Words of Christ on the Cross**The First Word***Luke 23:33–34*

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn*Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

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The Second Word*Luke 23:39–43*

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn*Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*

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The Third Word*John 19:26–27*

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

A candle is extinguished.

Sermon

Hymn

O Darkest Woe

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Stand

Prayers

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom
our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and deliv-
ered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the
cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Concluding Collect

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son
should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from
us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and
give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive for-
giveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

"Were You There?" is sung.

*A loud noise is heard, evoking the closing of the Holy Tomb and
the finality of Christ's sacrifice: "It is finished."*

The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.

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