



Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherburn, MN

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A Time For Renewal Of Faith

We are about to participate in one of the oldest services in Christendom. Tonight, we will hear, sing, and reflect on the Passion of our Lord.

Near the conclusion of the service, the congregation will whisper the Lord's Prayer. Then, after the hymn "Were You There" the Christ Candle will be carried out from the sanctuary as we hear the bell being tolled indicating Christ being buried in the tomb.

CONFESSION OF THE CROSS

P: Beloved in the Lord, on this night we will not only enter this place of worship, but in mind and in heart, we will go to that place called Calvary to kneel beneath the cross.

C: **We have come because we need the renewal of our faith.**

P: Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

C: **Forgive us, Lord, for doing what we should not do and for not doing what we should do.**

P: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise.

C: **Forgive us, Lord, for seeking first the things the world offers, for building our own kingdoms, and for our materialism and misplaced priorities, and for neglecting the kingdom you came to bestow.**

P: Jesus said: "Dear woman, here is your son...here is your mother."

C: **Forgive us, Lord, for neglecting those in need, for ignoring the poor and helpless and hurting, for scorning your call to servanthood.**

P: Jesus said: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

C: Forgive us Lord, for the times that we have turned our backs on your work, the times when we have gone through trial and suspected that you weren’t there, the times when we weren’t there to help and comfort the lowly.

P: Jesus said: “I am thirsty.”

C: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not thirsted for righteousness and peace and hope and joy and kindness, neglecting the fruitful life that the Spirit would bestow.

P: Jesus said: “It is finished.”

C: Forgive us, Lord, when we have doubted your grace and tried to add to our salvation by depending on ourselves and what we can do to gain your favor.

P: Jesus said: “Father, into Your hands I commit my Spirit.”

C: Forgive us, Lord, for not commending to Your governance and our futures to your care. Lord, have mercy on us, sinners who in our inner being still delight in your law. Deliver us from this twisted state.

P: As your called and ordained servant, I proclaim that you are not condemned; you are justified by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. You have been set free from the law of sin and death. Set your mind now on what the Spirit desires. This will give you life and peace and renew you faith.

HYMN “Rock Of Ages”

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS SPOKEN FROM THE CROSS

1. THE FIRST WORD—FORGIVENESS

Luke 23:33-38—*The Crucifixion*

HYMN “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

2. THE SECOND WORD—PARDON

Luke 23:39-43—*The Crucifixion*

HYMN “The Old Rugged Cross”

3. THE THIRD WORD—LOVE

John 19:23-27—*The Crucifixion*

HYMN “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

4. THE FOURTH WORD—LONELINESS

Mark 15:33-39—*The Death of Jesus”*

SONG “Ten Thousand Angels”

5. THE FIFTH WORD—HUMAN NEED

John 19:28-29—*The Death of Jesus*

HYMN “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

6. THE SIXTH WORD—TRIUMPH

John 19:30—*The Death of Jesus”*

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

7. THE SEVENTH WORD—REUNION

Luke 23:44-49—*Jesus’ Death*

John 19:31-42—*The Death and Burial of Jesus”*

SONG “Above All”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “Were You There”

REMOVING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE