



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Hermosa, SD**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

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*Welcome to court as we look at the case against Barabbas on the charge of rebellion. We listen to the arguments for and against conviction and ask ourselves, "Would we be convicted of rebellion against the kingdom of Christ?"*

*Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"  
Matthew 27:17*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

**OPENING STATEMENT**

**INVOCATION**

**GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O faithful Lord,*

**we have rebelled against you over and over again through our thoughts, words and deeds. Yet you continue to claim us as your own because you took our place on the cross we deserved. Help us to live as your freed followers, no longer shackled by the bonds of sin, death and evil but released to share your saving message of new life with others. Allow us to lead others to you that they, too, may know the joy of knowing you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15:18-25

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: "They hated me without a cause."

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:15-26

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

*The Word of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## HYMN

### *Nothing But The Blood*

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***(Refrain)* Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## THE PROSECUTION: Oral Arguments

**For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***(Refrain)* Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## THE DEFENSE: Oral Arguments

**Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***(Refrain)* Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## DELIBERATION OF THE JURY

**This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***(Refrain)* Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Now by this I'll overcome—Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home—Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***(Refrain)* Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING SONG**

### *In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

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