



עדת חי ושלום

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**Before Worship:** We encourage you to take a few minutes to meditate on the LORD Who serves us through His Word and Sacraments. **Pray for those leading this Worship Service.** It should be noted that is customary to not pronounce the divine name, so out of respect we continue this tradition, also noting that God gave us His name because He wants us to know Him (Ex. 3:14).

**+ PREPARATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS +**

*(Divine Service, Setting Three—LSB pg. 184) (Please stand.)*

**HYMN OF INVOCATION--**Abide with Me (LSB 878)

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION +** *(2 Samuel 6:15)*

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *(Matthew 28:19b; [18-20])*

**SH'MA** *(Dt. 6:4-9, 11:13-21; Nu. 15:37-41)*

שמע ישראל, יהוה אלהינו, יהוה אחד. ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד.

**All (sung): Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai eloheinu, Adonai echad. Baruch shem k'vod mal'chuto, l'olam vaed.**

*(Translating the Hebrew, we pray and proclaim:)*

**All: Hear O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is One.**

**Blessed be His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

L: Beloved in the Lord!...Our help is in the name of the Lord, *(Heb. 10:22)*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *(Ps. 124:8)*

L: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Ps. 32:5)*

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L: ... in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**+ PROPHECY OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF OUR LORD +**

*(from Isaiah 53)*

L: Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**C: For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;**

L: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

**C: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;**

L: and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**C: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451 v. 1)

L: But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

**C: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way;

**C: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451 v. 2)

L: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

**C: 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.**

L: By oppression and judgment he was taken away;

**C: 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?**

L: And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

**C: although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451 v. 3)

L: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;

**C: when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.**

L: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

**C: by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.**

L: Therefore 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;

**C: yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451 v. 4)

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**KYRIE-- All (sung): Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**C (sung): And with Thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

**All (sung): Amen.**

(2 Timothy 4:22)

ברכו את יהוה המברך.

ברוך יהוה המברך לעולם ועד. ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר בחר בנו מכל העמים, ונתן לנו את תורתו ברוך אתה יהוה, נותן התורה. אמן.

L: *Borchu et Adonai hamvorach.*

**All (sung): Baruch Adonai hamvorach l'olam vaed. Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol ha'amim, v'natan lanu et torato. Baruch atah Adonai, noten hatorah. Omayn.**

(Translating the Hebrew.) **All: Bless the LORD who is blessed. Blessed be the LORD who is to be blessed forever and ever. Blessed art Thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe. You chose us from all peoples, giving us Your Torah; You are the Blessed One, who gave us the Torah. Amen.** (Exodus 20:1-17)

ויהי בנסע הארץ ויאמר משה, קומה יהוה ויפצו איביך וינסו משנאיך מפניך. כי מציון תצא תירה, ודבר יהוה מירושלים. ברוך שנתן תורה לעמו ישראל בקדשתו.

L: *Vai'hee bin'soah haAron v'iy'omair Moshe. Kumah Adonai v'afutzu oyv'chah v'yanusa m'sanecha mepanechah. Kee Mitzeeon taytsay Torah oodvar Adonai miYerushalayim. Baruch shenatan Torah l'amo Yisrael bikdushah-toe.*

**C: When the Ark would travel, Moshe would say, "Arise O LORD, and let Your foes be scattered, let those who hate you flee from you." For from Zion the Torah will come forth and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Blessed is He who gave the Torah to His people Israel in His holiness.** (Num 10:35; Isaiah 2:3)

תורה — TORAH READING: Numbers 21:4-9

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר בחר בנביאים טובים, ורצה בדבריהם הנאמרים באמת. ברוך אתה יהוה, הבוחר בתורה ובמשה עבדו, ובישראל עמו, ובנביאי האמת וצדק.

L: *Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher bachar bin'vi'im tovim v'ratzah v'divrihem hane'emarim be'emet. Baruch atah Adonai habocher batorah uv'mosheh avdo, uv'Yisrael amo uvin'vi-eh ha'emet vatzedek.*

**C: Blessèd art Thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who chose good prophets and truly favored their faithful words. Blessèd art Thou, O LORD, who has chosen the Torah, Moses Your servant, Israel Your people, and prophets of truth and righteousness.** *(Romans 3:21-31)*

**כתובים/נביאים**— **READING FROM THE N'VAI'IM:** *Isaiah 52:13-15*

**PSALM-- תהלים** — **READING FROM THE T'HI'LIM:** *Psalm 31 (Front of the hymnal--responsively)*

**הברית החדשה** — **HAB'RIT HACHADOSHAH--EPISTLE READING:** *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

**VERSE--(Please Stand.) All: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.** *(Is. 53:4)*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

**All (sung): Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *John 19:17-30*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All (sung): Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*The Via Dolorosa--The Way of Suffering*

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר נתן לנו תורת אמת, וחיי עולם נטע בתוכנו. ברוך אתה יהוה, נותן התרה. אמן.

**All (sung): Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu melech ha'olam. Asher natan lanu Torat emet. V'chaiyaeh olam natah b'tochaenu. Baruch atah Adonai, notaen haTorah. Omayn.**

**All: Blessèd art Thou, LORD our God, King of the universe, who has given us the Torah of truth, and has planted everlasting Life in our midst. Blessèd art Thou, O LORD, giver of the Torah. Amen.**

**TESTIMONY OF OUR FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED** *(Back cover of the hymnal)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Were You There (LSB 456)

**HOMILY:** Rev. Kevin Parviz

**OFFERTORY--All** (*Please stand. Sung.*): **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

**OFFERING** (Matthew 2:11-12; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

**עמידה שבת--SHABBAT AMIDAH** ("Standing Prayer")--**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

אדני שפתי תפתח, ופי יגיד תהלת.

L: *Adonai, s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha.*

**C: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.** (Ps. 51:15)

After each petition:

L: ,through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

שלום רב על ישראל עמך תשים לעולם, כי אתה הוא מלך אדון לכל השלים. וטוב בעיניך לברך את עמך ישראל, בכל עת ובכל שעה בשלומך. בשם ישוע המשועה.

L: *Shalom rav al Yisrael am'cha tasim l'olam. Ki atah hu melech adon l'chol ha'shalom. V'tov b'einecha l'varaych et amcha Yisrael, b'chol eit uv'chol sha'ah bish'lomecha. B'shem Y'shua HaMaschiach.*

**C: O Sovereign God of peace, let Israel Your people know enduring peace, for it is good in Your sight continually to bless Israel with your peace. In the name of Jesus, the Messiah.** (Psalm 122:6)

יהיו לרצון אמרי פי והגיון לבי לפניך, יהוה צורי וגאלי.

L: *Yi-h'yu l'ra-tzon im'rei fi, v'heg-yon li-bi l'fa-necha, Adonai tzu-ri v'go-ali.*

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.** (Psalm 19:14)

## + SERVICE OF DARKNESS +

### **FIRST WORD** *John 19:14-16a; Luke 23:32-34a*

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

L: Father Almighty, the shadow of Your Son's cross falls upon us;

**C: We know not how to bear such a load of grief and pain.**

L: Grant, O Lord, the comforting shadow of Your mercy.

**C: Fill our hearts, our souls, and our minds with your Spirit.**

L: Enlighten us

**C: that we may see Your love clearly in the death of Your Son, Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace: You did not seek revenge on those who tormented You. Grant us grace to forgive those who hurt us, to overcome evil with good, to love our enemies for Your sake, and as children of the heavenly Father, seek Your peace, and evermore rejoice in Your love.

**C: Amen.**

*(The first candle is extinguished.)*

### **SECOND WORD** *Luke 23:35-43*

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself." There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

L: Great God,

**C: You are the giver of everything we know and of all that we have.**

L: Direct us

**C: that we too may see the goodness of this day, even in the midst of uncertainty and sadness.**

L: Show us

**C: that not all our shadows need be fearsome; that it is our fears only which bring unwelcome darkness.**

L: Guide us

**C: into Your paradise that awaits us and in knowing Your perfect peace.**

L: Grant us

**C: a richer awareness of the hope You have sent to us in Your Son, Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.

**C: Amen.**

*(The second candle is extinguished.)*

### **THIRD WORD**      *John 19:25-27*

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

L: Lord God, may we learn by Christ's example to love others as we love ourselves;

**C: forgiving the worst we find in others and in ourselves; rejoicing in the best we know of others and of ourselves.**

L: With the power of Your Holy Spirit encourage us to strive

**C: toward greater unity in our own families and toward unity in the family of believers in Christ Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus, while You suffered the agony of the cross, You remembered in love Your sorrowing mother. With that same love and pity bless all parents, especially those whose hearts are torn by the loss of loved ones or burdened with worry over their children. In Your mercy, gather all within the peace of Your cross, so that parent and child will love each other as they love You.

**C: Amen.**

*(The third candle is extinguished.)*

**FOURTH WORD**     *Matthew 27:45-47*

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

L: Lord, we do not want to forsake You and flee,

**C: yet, in our daily confusion we sometimes forget you.**

L: Lord, we do not want to condemn You, shouting, "crucify!"

**C: although we have allowed evil to be done in Your name.**

L: Lord, we would never deny You, saying, "I do not know the man!"

**C: but we have avoided opportunities to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin.**

L: Lord, we would never shut You out of our lives, unheeding to Your voice.

**C: when our own clamoring deafens our hearing, will You knock again, Lord Jesus?**

L: Heavenly Father, Your Son cried "Why have You forsaken me?" In time of trial and suffering, do not turn away from us, but give us Your presence and Your power that enable us to endure whatever may be set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The fourth candle is extinguished.)*

**FIFTH WORD** *Matthew 10:38-42, John 19:28-29*

[Jesus told his disciples,] "Anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the one who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

L: Lord of life,

**C: we know that You provide all we need to support life.**

L: Lord of redemption,

**C: reveal the power of Your redeeming love in our daily living.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. Strengthen us to carry our burdens and to endure our sufferings by the grace of Your holy example, always giving You thanks for Your love.

**C: Amen.**

*(The fifth candle is extinguished.)*

**SIXTH WORD** *Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28; John 19:30a*

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

L: Lord Jesus, in Your death we have life.

**C: Stir up our souls that we may pursue with renewed strength the paths You have laid for us.**

L: Lead and direct us, O Lord, beyond the darkness into a fuller understanding of Your will,

**C: that we need not grope through the darkness to lay our commitment before You and Your Son, Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. Complete in us everything You intend for us so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

**C: Amen.**

*(The sixth candle is extinguished.)*

**SEVENTH WORD** *Luke 23:44-46; Matthew 27:54*

Darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last. *(Pause for meditation)*

When the centurion and those with Him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"

L: Open our eyes, Lord,

**C: the shadow of Your Son's cross encompasses all our world.**

L: Stir our souls, Lord,

**C: that we may pursue with renewed strength the paths You have laid for us.**

L: Lead us, Lord,

**C: that when our last hour comes, we may be commended into Your loving hands.**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LSB 450)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. May we who know You, the Scandalon, the promised Messiah of Israel, continue to be offended ... offended by our sin, broken, yet made whole. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

**C: Amen.**

*(The seventh candle is extinguished.)*

**All (spoken softly): 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.**

*(We leave the sanctuary quietly.)*

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