



Midweek Lent 5
The King on the Cross
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SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

THE KING ON THE CROSS

PRELUDE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

The sign over Jesus' sacred head at the cross proclaimed the truth: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." To those with faith in His redeeming blood, there could be no more glorious throne. What kind of King chooses the cross over power and glory? The kind of King who has but one purpose and mission: to save sinners, to restore the lost, and to renew the broken. So Jesus' cross wears a sign to explain who He is because no one expects the Son of God to be crucified and the sins to have disfigured Him until He became unrecognizable—that is, no one except those with eyes of faith!

HYMN - "O Perfect Life of Love" (LSB 452)

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

P O God, the Father in heaven,

C Have mercy on us.

P O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C Have mercy on us.

P O God, the Holy Spirit,

C Have mercy on us.

P King of glory and Lord of might,

C Deliver us from evil.

P King of glory and Lord of might,

C Save us in temptation and trial.

P King of glory, You were enthroned in a manger at Your birth;

You were condemned though Your life was holy and good;

You were brought low by rejection;

You were marked with suffering and pain;

You were judged by those You came to save;

You were crowned with thorns and robed in mockery;

You were wounded and bore in your flesh the anguish of us all;

You were raised up and enthroned upon the cross;

You were despised by men and forsaken by God;

You were swallowed up in death and laid in a grave:

C For us and for our salvation.

P That we who were dead in sin might be made alive forevermore;

That we who sacrificed our glory to death might be raised to immortality;

That we who caused Your suffering might be set free from suffering;

That we who were made unclean by evil might be made holy and declared just;

That we who raised You up on the cross might learn to walk in its way;

That we who lost our joy might be led to rejoice in hope again;

That we who live in fear might be granted courage to live by faith:

C We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C Have mercy on us.

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C Have mercy on us.

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C Have mercy on us.

P For Your willingness to be born among us as one of us yet without sin,

C We give You thanks, O Lord.

P For Your choice to suffer in our place and die in our stead,

C We give You thanks, O Lord.

P For Your sacrifice that gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation,

C We give You thanks, O Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, keep us from passing by the cross and failing to acknowledge the love revealed there in the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. Help us as we make our way through Lent and this time of reflection upon our Lord's crucifixion, so that we may be ever renewed by our contemplation of His suffering for our salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 18:6-12

As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

⁸ And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹ And Saul eyed David from that day on.

¹⁰ The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David evaded him twice. ¹² Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN - “Glory Be to Jesus” (*LSB* 433)

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 27:35–44

And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads

and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

HYMN - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (*LSB* 425)

SERMON - “The King on the Cross”

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for us, for all the people of God, and for those not yet of His kingdom.

P Lord, whose ear is open to the prayers of Your people,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P In death You have made known Your greatest glory. Give to us faith to trust in Him who died that we might live holy and upright lives. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P Renew Your Church in the proclamation of Jesus Christ and Him crucified and renew our nation with a spirit of service and love for neighbor. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P Rebuild the lives of the broken and relieve the pain of all who suffer, that everyone who comes to You may know the fullness of Your grace and mercy. May all who pray to You in the quiet hours of the day or night find the blessed answer of Your grace and be led to genuine peace of heart. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P Whatever we should pray, we offer in the name of Jesus; whatever our needs, we trust You to answer us in Christ with all that is needful and beneficial to our faith and life in Christ. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P In the approaching darkness of night, Your light does not dim. Give us eyes to see and hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and come to Him. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P Help us to clean house, O Lord, that the things of this world and the cares of the moment may not distract us from Jesus Christ and Him crucified, the sinners' friend and the hope of all who would be saved. Lord,

C Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.

P Hear us as we pray as our Savior has taught us:

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.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord preserve your coming and going,

C **From this time forth and even forevermore.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you and bring you to everlasting life. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN - “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (LSB 427)

POSTLUDE