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*Midweek Lent 4*



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## ✝ PREPARATION ✝

# Prelude

## "Blessed Jesus"

arr. L. Smith

## Opening Sentences

*Psalms 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**© slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

**P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**☐ let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C** He was bruised for our iniquities.

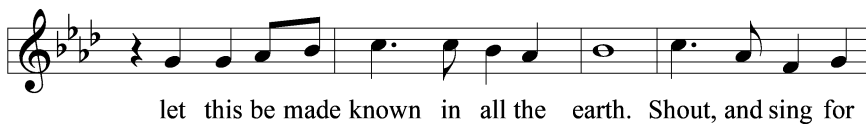
**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Cantic





joy, O in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on, for great in your  
 midst is the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be-come my sal-va-tion.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the  
 Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is  
 now, and will be for-ev-er. Amen.  
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 He has be-come my sal-va-tion.

## First Reading

*Philippians 2:1-11*

- A** <sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do

nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

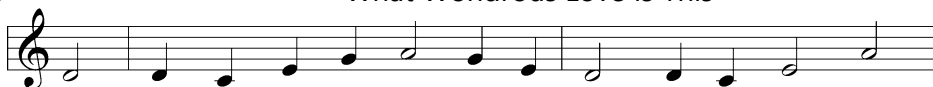
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

## "What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

## Second Reading

*John 19:16b–27*

**P** So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

*1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1*

**P** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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# Holy Baptism

**P** *How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)


## Sermon

*Wisdom Has a Friend on the Cross*


## Hymn

*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*


**LSB 447 sts. 7-9**



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your  
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all  
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:  
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:  
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

## Offering

## Prayer

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**



## Prayer of the Day

**P** O Jesus, our King, by Holy Baptism into Your death we have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by grace. In Your kingly love You faithfully kept the ancient promise of the salvation of the whole world once again setting even the solitary in families. Fill us with wisdom and patience that we may live together in faith and love; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**A** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People"

**LSB 825**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
 To all the world go out and tell the  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

## Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Postlude

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

arr. A. Mason

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