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Prelude

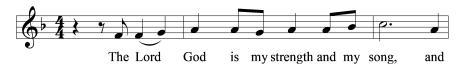
"A Lenten Prelude" "Ah, Holy Jesus" arr. J. Troutman arr. G. Davidson

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

- P This is the day which the Lord has made;
- **G** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **G** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- **G** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- **G** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- **G** 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 Canticle



0. He has be-come my sal - va tion. With joy will you draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion. ____ And you will that say in 0. "Give thanks to the Lord, call up-on His day: make name, 0 known His deeds a-mong the peo - ples, pro claim that His name is ex - alt - ed." The Lord Ē my strength and my song, and He God is has be-• tion. Sing come my sal - va prais - es to the Lord, for He has done glo - rious-ly; 0 let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for O in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your joy,



First Reading

Hebrews 9:11-28

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself

without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.





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Second Reading

John 19:28-42

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), P "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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

G 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.
- **G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

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

Holy Baptism - Fourth

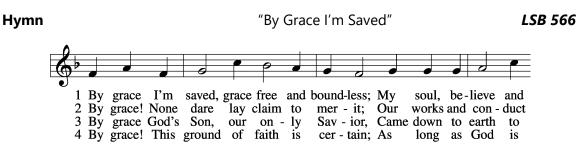
P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

Sermon



doubt it Why word of prom - ise? this not. stag - ger at have no worth. God in **H**is love sent our Re - deem - er, Was of bear our sin. it be - cause your own mer - it true. it stands. What saints have penned by in spi - ra - tion, Has Scrip-ture false - hood taught? No! Then this word must ev - er Christ Je - sus, this sin - ful earth; His death did for our to Je - sus died your soul win? No. That to it was grace, and What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our grace will life true re - main: By you too ob - tain. sins And saved grace a - lone. a - tone, we are by grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. God has done De - pends on grace—grace through His Son. 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure? By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; 6 In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone. Offering Voluntary "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" setting: C. Schalk

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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.
- 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.
- 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

O gracious and loving God, we give to You our greatest heartfelt thanks for the love You have shown to the world in the silent service of Your Son's death for us on the cross. Grant that Your saving love capture the heart of every sinner with saving

faith. By the washing of regeneration of water and the Spirit, make us Your family of faith filled with Your love and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

▲ 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

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.





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

"The Joy of the Lord"

G. Sewell

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