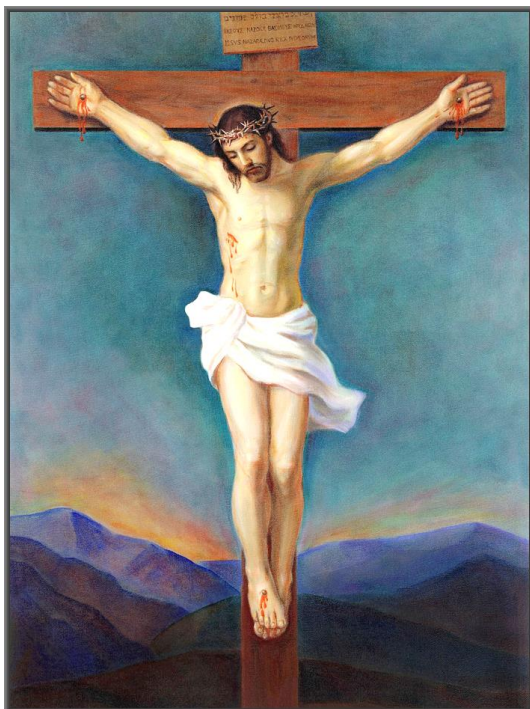




An INQUEST into the Death of Jesus

Part 5



Messiah Lutheran Lenten Worship

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Pre-Service Devotion: [Jesus said] ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. (John 12:25-26a)

Our Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Hymn 159

- P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Behold the Father's love, (John 3:17)
- C: **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**
- P: Behold the Son's grace, (Matthew 20:28)
- C: **The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**
- P: Behold the Spirit's Gospel teaching, (1 Corinthians 2:12)
- C: **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**
- P: Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- C: **Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.**
- P: Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.
- C: **We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.**

[Sung]

TLH 323

*With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free, ~ O God, be merciful to me!
Nor alms nor deeds that I have done, Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee, ~ O God, be merciful to me!*

P: God's Word says, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." And "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(1 John 1:7,9, 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)

[Sung]

*And now, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed
throng I dwell, My raptured song shall ever be,
God has been merciful to me!*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, O heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*



From the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah 52:13-53:3

Response of the Congregation, in Song:
Worship Supplement #724

*Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.*

New Testament Fulfillment: John 12:37-43

Confession of Faith

Explanation of the 2nd Article from Luther's Small Catechism, Sydow Edition

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 162



An Inquest into the Death of Jesus, Part 5 (1 week after Good Friday)

“What Did Jesus Do to Merit the Death Penalty?”

Today's witnesses:
Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judea - Recalled

Summation of Today's Testimony

Hymn 143:1-5

Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer ~ The Benediction

Closing Hymn 152:5-8