



LORD, HAVE MERCY

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule Reminder:

- **Palm Sunday**—Sunday, April 13th—service at 2pm—the children/youth choirs and tone chime choirs will be beautifying the service
- **Maundy Thursday**—Thursday, April 17th—service at 7pm
- **Good Friday**—Friday, April 18th—service at 7pm
- **Easter Sunday**—Sunday, April 20th—breakfast at 8am—service at 9am (no Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, or Youth Confirmation class)

Call Meeting: Our next call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, following the 2pm service.

Annual Meeting: We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 1pm prior to the 2pm service.

Women's Book Folding Art: On **Saturday, April 26th from 2-4 PM**, come learn how to make book folding art with us using our old hymnals. Please bring a ruler if able. Kids are welcome to come play outside together during this event. Please RSVP to Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225).

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

INVOCATION

Stand

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

CONFESSION: Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 1, Refrain I

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain I*

Refrain I

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE: Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 2, Refrain II

(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly
 lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you
 fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.
 And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you

bled for a world's be - tray - al. You
 loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how
 pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*
Refrain II
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us.

PRAYER

P: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

READING

Isaiah 64:5–9

⁵You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness, who remembers you by walking in your ways!
 But you were angry because we sinned. We have remained in our sins for a long time.

Can we still be saved?

⁶All of us have become like something unclean,
 and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.

All of us have withered like a leaf,
 and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
 who rouses himself to take hold of you.

So you hid your face from us.
 You made us melt by the power of our guilt.
⁸But now, LORD, you are our father.
 We are the clay, and you are our potter.
 All of us are the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be angry, LORD, without limit.
 Do not remember our guilt forever.
 Please look closely.
 All of us are your people.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

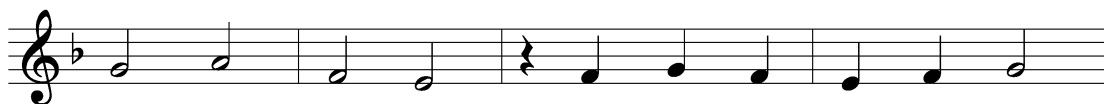
PASSION READING

HYMN: Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your
 2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so
 3 I caused your grief and sigh - ing by e - vils
 4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with
 5 Your cross I place be - fore me, its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.
 sore a - bused you and caused you all your woe?
 mul - ti - ply - ing as count - less as the sands.
 thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.
 pow'r re - store me, sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly
 We all must make con - fes - sion of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered with which your soul is
 The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -
 It will, when life is end - ing, be guid - ing and at -



giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 gres - sion, while you no ways of e - vil know.
 cum - bered, your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.
 cur - ing, you healed my wounds and set me free.
 tend - ing my way to your e - ter - nal rest.

Lord, Have Mercy: For Abusing Your Commandments

THE CONCLUSION:

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him and gladly obey what he commands.

Stand

SONG OF MARY

CW 220

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
 joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
 on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
 will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
 things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
 those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
 He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the

proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y
 from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.
 He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
 he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
 to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

Be seated

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 221

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

C: **to you, O Lord.**

HYMN: The Power of the Cross

CW 423 sts. 1, Ref, 2-4, Final Refrain

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1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
 2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the
 3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.



Refrain
 1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be-



came sin for us. Took the blame,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

4 Oh, to see my name
 written in the wounds,
 for through your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death;
 life is mine to live,
 won through your selfless love!

Final Refrain
 This the pow'r of the cross:
 Son of God—slain for us.
 What a love, what a cost!
 We stand forgiven at the cross.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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