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+ Opening Prayer +

Hymn: WS #723

"What Wondrous Love is This"

The Invocation

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Confession and Absolution

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
- Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Tonight, we may rest now in His peace and rise again in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

Responsory Scripture selections based on our Lenten Series

- By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
 (Ps. 65:5)
- We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf. (Heb. 6:19)
- And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil." (Lv. 16:2)
- We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh. (Heb.10:19-22)
- The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. (Ex. 15:2)
- And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.
 (Heb. 5:9)

- And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. (Gen. 2:2)
- For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. (Heb. 4:9)
- The whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, to the ash heap, and shall burn it up on a fire of wood.
- So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. (Lev. 4:12; Heb. 13:12)
- On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.
- But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. To Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (Ex. 19:16; Heb. 12:22)

Response: WS #724

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Isus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)

+ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord +

Hymn: WS #722

"Deep Were His Wounds"

Lenten Theme: Keep Your Eyes on Jesus Who Endured the Cross

Hebrews 13:11-13

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places

by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

+ He is Our Endurance +

"My Song is Love Unknown" Sermon Hymn: Below 1. My song is love un 2. He came from His blest might I stay 3. Here and known, My Sav - ior's love Love to me, throne Sal va - tion to be stow; But di sing, No vi ne! Nev story so shown That they might love the love - less lv to The longed-for men madestrange, and none Christ would King, Nev - er was love, dear grief like was er Oh. who he That for sake am I my my friend, friend in - deed, know. But. oh, My whose sweet praise Thine. This my friend, is In l 0 die? My Lord should take Frail flesh and Who at my need His life did spend! I all days Could gla dly spend. my

Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

+ The Benediction +

Closing Hymn: TLH #151:1, 5-7

"Christ, the Life of All..."