

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.

Song of Simeon: *Page 61 (sung)*

Benediction: *page 61 (sung)*

Closing Hymn: # 588 st. 1, 5-7 "Upon the Cross Extended"

Be with us next Wednesday at 7:00 pm when we continue our series, "The Solemn Hours of Lent." The sermon next week is based on John 18:33-38a, with the Theme: "The Hour of Truth."

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The Solemn Hours of Lent

"The Hour of Forgiveness"

Midweek Lenten Service 5

March 17, 2021

Welcome: A warm welcome to everyone as we continue our Lenten journey with our Savior. What a blessing to see Jesus revealed as the Savior of the world, the Savior who was willing to go to the cross to defeat all of our enemies, rise from the grave to give us the victory and send the Holy Spirit to His Church. If you are a visitor with us today and would like to know more our pastor invites you to speak with him personally. Also, we ask that you would please introduce yourself so we have an opportunity to get to know you better. We would also be pleased to have you sign our guest book today. You will find it at the back of church.

Prayer Upon Entering Church: Dear merciful Father, I come to you in deep humility because I am weary and burdened because of my sins. May I find in you rest and comfort in your word as I worship you this evening. I come to you to hear your word because of your gracious invitation and your promises of mercy for Jesus sake. Amen.

Order of Service: Service of Evening Prayer printed in the bulletin.

Opening Hymn: # 100 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

STAND

(sung)

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Let My Prayer Rise Before You: Page 55 (sung)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 130, printed on the hymn sheet

Prayer:

M: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you hear and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Reading of the Passion History as Compiled from the Four Gospels (See insert)

Lesson 4

All: "All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. By His wounds we are healed."

Hymn of the Day: # 108 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Sermon Text: Luke 23:39-43 (page 1641)

"Hour of Forgiveness"

Offering:

Prayer of the Church

Dear Savior Jesus, you suffered agonizing pain and torment when you were crucified for the sins of the world. Accept our undying praise and thanks for you took upon yourself the Father's punishment for all our sins. You willingly suffered hell for us. You accepted the horror, the pain and the sorrow of being separated from your Father. Move us to see that we, too were among those who crucified you because of our many sins against you. We thank you also for all those who have gone before us, all believers who witnessed about their faith and many who willingly gave their lives to witness about your love for the world. We thank you for our loved ones whose witness you have used to bring us the good news of sins forgiven through your sacrifice for us. We thank you for all those who have remained faithful unto death and have now received the crown of life.

Dear Savior and Lord, move us to accept each day, your invitation to come to the cross to receive forgiveness for our sins, removal of our guilt and the joy of being able to live our lives for the purpose of showing your love to the world. We pray in your name and join to pray the prayer you have taught us...

Lord's Prayer: page 60 (right side)

Prayer for Peace:

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just