



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



REFLECTIONS
on
REPENTANCE



Recognizing Against Whom We Sin

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Welcome

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken CW 432 sts.1-4,7 Please rise for v. 7



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
7 And when, dear Lord, be - fore your throne in heav - en



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
to me the crown of joy at last is giv - en,



Of what great crime have you to make con -
they give you gall to drink, they still de -
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
where sweet - est hymns your saints for - ev - er



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.
her - it, this I do mer - it.
owe him, who would not know him.
raise you, I too shall praise you.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. **Amen.**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1-2



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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Presider: While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

All: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

Presider: “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Men: “Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

All: “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Women: Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

All: Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

Men: Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!”

Presider: Jesus replied, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

Women: Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

Presider: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

Men: Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.”

Women: And all the disciples said the same.

Presider: He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

All: “Nothing,” they said.

Presider: Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

All: They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Men: He said to them, “That is enough.”

Presider: Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

Women: After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it.

Men: Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

Presider: When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

Women: Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed.

Presider: He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

All: He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Men: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

Women: When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

Presider: He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Men: He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Women: Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

All: He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

Presider: An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Men: As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently.

Women: His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

Presider: Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”

All: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived.

Women: With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them.

Men: Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who are you looking for?”

All: “Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied.

Presider: “I am he,” Jesus told them.

Women: Judas, the betrayer, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, “I am he,” they backed away and fell to the ground.

Presider: Then Jesus asked them again, “Who are you looking for?”

All: “Jesus the Nazarene,” they said.

Men: “I told you that I am he,” Jesus replied. “So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”

Women: This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken: “I did not lose any of those you have given me.”

All: Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Presider: Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Women: Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, “Lord, should we strike with a sword?”

Men: Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

Presider: But Jesus responded, “Stop! No more of this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

Women: Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him.

All: At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.”

Men: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Presider: The company of soldiers, their commander, and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, “It is better that one man die for the people.”

Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434 sts. 1-3



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



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.



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



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.

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Sermon

Psalm 51:3-4

Recognizing Against Whom We Sin

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself.

We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Savior's School students will sing the Lord's Prayer. The congregation is invited to sing along as they feel comfortable.

Lord's Prayer

CW 230, sung by Our Savior's students

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Tune: Dale A. Witte

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Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

Thanks be to God.

Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 1-4, 7

Our Savior's students will sing verses 1-2



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

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Serving in Worship Today

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Organist ~ Marie Kurth

Reflections on Repentance

Midweek Lent #4, Wednesday, March 26th:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Ewald, Immanuel, Mosinee

“Removing Our Guilt.”

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