



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



REFLECTIONS
on
REPENTANCE



Relying on God's Grace

April 2, 2025

Welcome

What Grace Is This

CW 395, rise for v. 6



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
and gently laid in manger-trough,
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
and wrapped again for me.

6 What grace is this? How can it be?
He wears this raw humility
to lift me to eternity.
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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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.**

Jesus, Thank You

CW 615



1 The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2 By your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
Your en - e - my you've made your friend.



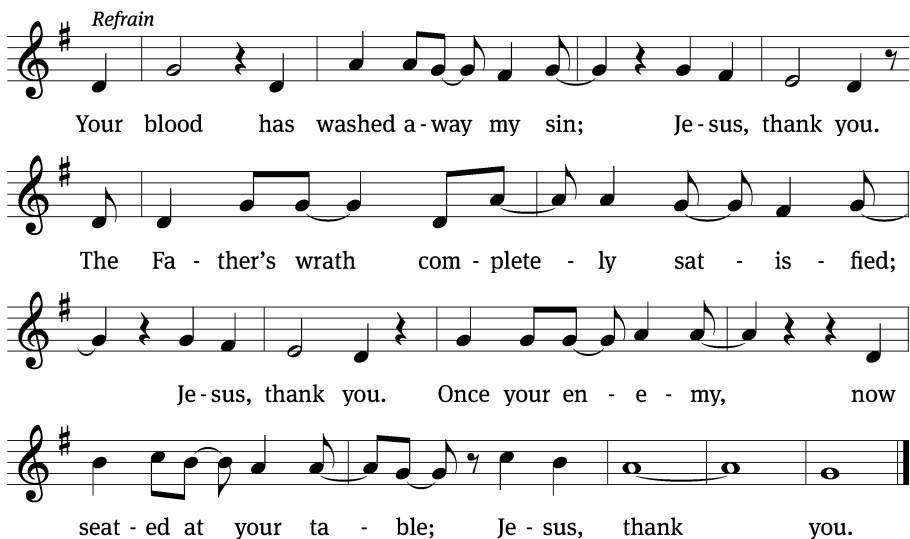
You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed your Son, who
Pour - ing out the rich - es of your glo - rious grace, your



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
mer - cy and your kind - ness know no end.

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Refrain



Your blood has washed a-way my sin; Je-sus, thank you.

The Fa-ther's wrath com-plete-ly sat-is-fied;

Je-sus, thank you. Once your en-e-my, now

seat-ed at your ta-ble; Je-sus, thank you.

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Passion History

Lesson 4

Presider: Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death. So I will have him flogged and release him.”

Lectern: At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted.

Pulpit: At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas, who had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

Presider: So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you? Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” For Pilate in fact knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

Women: While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate's wife sent him a message. "Have nothing to do with that righteous man," she said, "since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him."

Men: But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death.

Presider: The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

Lectern: They all shouted together with one voice: "Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!"

Presider: Pilate said to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews? What should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?"

Pulpit: They all said to him, "Crucify him!"

Presider: But the governor said, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

Women: But they kept shouting even louder: "Crucify him!"

Men: Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, "Crucify! Crucify him!"

Presider: He said to them the third time, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him."

Lectern: But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.

Pulpit: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

Presider: The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. They also kept hitting him in the face.

Men: Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

Presider: So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

Women: When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

Lectern: Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him.”

Pulpit: The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

Presider: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”

Women: But Jesus gave him no answer.

Men: So Pilate asked him, “Are you not talking to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?”

Presider: Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

Lectern: From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!”

Presider: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. It was about the sixth hour on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your king!”

Pulpit: They shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”

Presider: Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?”

Men: “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.

Women: When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he decided that what they demanded would be done.

Presider: He took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

Lectern: And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

Presider: Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

Pulpit: So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Presider: After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross.

Men: As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Women: A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him.

Presider: Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 428 sts. 1, 3



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with
dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row, your



thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet,
ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord,



though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.

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Sermon

Psalm 51:7

Relying on God's Grace

⁷Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me,
and I will be whiter than snow.

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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 Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

Thanks be to God.

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

CW 789



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious
thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose
dark - ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Serving in Worship Today

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Organist ~ Marie Kurth

Reflections on Repentance

Midweek Lent #6, Wednesday, April 9th
Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Schnake, St. Peter
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