



**REFLECTIONS**  
**on**  
**REPENTANCE**





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Reflections on Repentance**  
**Removing Our Guilt**

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Midweek Lent 6

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1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,  
 2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.



that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.  
 All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.



I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,  
 Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one



and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.  
 and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**C: 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.**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Psalm 32*

P: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,

**C: whose sins are covered.**

P: Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them

**C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C: through my groaning all day long.**

P: For day and night your hand was heavy on me;

**C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

**C: and did not cover up my iniquity.**

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

**C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

P: You are my hiding place;

**C: you will protect me from trouble.**

P: Many are the woes of the wicked,

**C: but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

**Psalm Prayer**

P: Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

**C: Amen**

**PASSION HISTORY**

*5. Calvary*

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized him, and put the cross on him and made

him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed Jesus, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will say to the mountains: 'Fall on us' and to the hills: 'Cover us!' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

It was the third hour when they crucified him, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left, and Jesus in the middle. Thus the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the lawless ones." Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened above his head on the cross. The written charge against him read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. The sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them. They cast lots to see what each would get. The undergarment remained. It was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

The people too stood watching. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple

and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" Even the rulers sneered at him.

In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself. Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him heaped insults on him. The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" - which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there. Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a

stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

But the rest said, "Leave him alone now. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him and take him down."

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Then he cried out again with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he said this, he bowed his head and gave up his life.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified. The centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, said, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him stood at a distance. They included many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs, among them Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and Joseph, and Salome the mother of Zebedee's sons. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may have faith. These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones

will be broken,” and, as another Scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”

Later, as evening approached, there came a man named Joseph, a rich man from the Judean town of Arimathea, also a prominent member of the Council, who had not consented to their decision and action. He was a good, upright man who was waiting for the kingdom of God, and he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he feared the Jews.

Going to Pilate, he asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he had learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.

Joseph took the body down and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, which he had bought. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb cut out of rock in which no one had ever been laid. They laid Jesus there because it was nearby and also because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the Sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.

Joseph rolled a big stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and went away. The women went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that impostor said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first!”

“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know

how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting a guard.

*Hymn 398 Not All the Blood of Beasts*



1 Not all the blood of beasts on Is - rael's al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,  
3 In faith I place my hand on that dear head di - vine,  
4 My soul looks back to see the bur - den you did bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;



could give the guilt - y con-science peace or wash a - way the stain.  
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.  
as pen - i - tent - ly here I stand and lay on him my sin.  
when hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there!  
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice and sing his bleed - ing love.

Sermon—Psalm 51:8-9

*Reflections on Repentance—Removing Our Guilt*

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Turn your face away from my sins  
and blot out all my guilt.

**OFFERING**

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

### **PRAYER**

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

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

P: Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 811 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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