



It Is
Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**It Is Finished—
Scattered Sheep**

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1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,
 2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing
 3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your
 4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.
 jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.
 wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.
 night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be
 Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are
 Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
 Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.
 fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
 tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

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.

Silence for personal reflection

P: 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 73

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Tone



I am always / with you;
you hold me by my / right hand.
You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Psalm Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, we are shortsighted and focus only on this life. We try to make this earth our perfect home and become discontent when life goes better for the wicked than it does for us. Turn our eyes toward you, and help us to live each day with the confidence that heaven is our ultimate and perfect home, for there we will live with you and the Father and the Spirit.

C: Amen

PASSION HISTORY

4. The Trial before Pilate

They led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Do you think I am a Jew?" Pilate replied, "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge - to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.” On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends - before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who

had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, "It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?" Pilate knew it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him."

But the chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, "What shall I do, then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call the king of the Jews?"

"Crucify him!" they shouted. "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For a third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him."

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" and their shouts prevailed.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace of the governor, the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head, put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him worshipping. They spit on him, struck him in the face, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. They mocked him and began to call out to him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Once more Pilate came out 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." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them,

“Here is the man!”

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You have no power over me that was not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar’s. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as The Stone Pavement, which in Aramaic is Gabbatha. It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, Pilate granted their demand, wanting to satisfy the crowd. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

All the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

Then Pilate released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified. The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Hymn 570 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer: and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; To you, O blessed Trinity,
this is the anchor of my faith! be praise now and eternally!

Sermon—Zechariah 13:7-9

It Is Finished— Scattered Sheep

“Sword, awake against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate—”
this is the declaration of the LORD of Armies.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;

I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land—”

this is the LORD’s declaration —

“two-thirds will be cut off and die, but a third will be left in it. I will put this
third through the fire; I will refine them as silver is refined and test them as
gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’”

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MUSICAL OFFERING *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* *Bells*

Please stand.

PRAYER

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see you;

C: when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

P: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 523 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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