

Lenten 4 - 11:00 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.

March 10, 2010

PRELUDE

HYMN *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen (sung)

LENTEN LITANY

L: O Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: By the love with which You have loved us,
By Your willingness to become man to redeem us,
By Your vicarious life, suffering, and death,
By Your triumphant resurrection and ascension,
By Your gift of the Holy Spirit and means of grace,
By Your coming again with power and glory,**

L: Spare us, O Lord.

C: We poor sinners do beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

L: That it may please You to guard and protect Your Church universal, and its leaders,

C: That it may please You to lead our nation in the way of righteousness, that it may please You to give us fervor in Christian service, that it may please You to lead all study and Bible meditation toward a fuller recognition of Your glory,

L: We beseech You to hear us, O Lord.

**C: For those who are led astray by the allurements of sin,
For those who are perplexed by the struggle to understand the world,
For those who fail to give their best to their work,**

L: We beseech You to hear us, O Lord.

**C: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

PSALM 51:1-13

A RESPONSIVE REFLECTION

L: It was the will of the Lord that He should suffer;

C: His death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness.

L: And so He will see His descendants;

C: He will live a long life, and through Him my purpose will succeed.

L: After a life of suffering, He will again have joy;

C: He will know that He did not suffer in vain.

L: My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many,

C: And for His sake I will forgive them.

L: And so I will give Him a place of honor, a place among the great and the powerful.

C: He willingly gave His life and shared the fate of the Evil. He took the place of many sinners and prayed that they might be forgiven.

PASSION HARMONY Luke 23:39-43 John 19:1-12

CONFIRMAND TESTIMONIES: Rachael Reinitz, Eric Schweikert, Emily Farrow, Sara Sindelar, Vincent Tockstein, Katelyn Waters

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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MESSAGE "Pilate—Profile of Lost Opportunity" (Luke 23; John 19)

OFFERING *During the offering all worshippers are asked to fill out an ivory or blue card found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

(Sung as the offering is brought to the altar)

**O, Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us! O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace! Amen.**

LITANY OF THE CHURCH

L: O God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

C: O God the Son, given to be Head over the Church; O God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace, O Holy Trinity, eternal love,

L: Have mercy upon us.

C: By Your ministry of healing and forgiveness, By your seeking and saving the lost, By your words of eternal life,

L: Help us, Good Lord.

C: By Your calling and training of the twelve apostles, By Your promise to build your Church, By Your institution of the holy sacraments,

L: Help us, gracious Lord.

C: By the love shown in Your crucifixion, By the power of Your resurrection, By the glory of the ascension, and by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit,

L: Help us, merciful Lord.

C: That it may please You to strengthen and enlarge Your Holy Church in every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christians, in faith and hope and charity,

L: We beseech You, good Lord.

C: That Your Church may proclaim the gospel throughout the whole earth and make disciples of all nations,

L: We beseech You, gracious Lord.

C: That You will give to all Your people grace to understand and to believe Your Word, and to show forth faith in their lives.

L: We beseech You, merciful Lord.

C: That You would guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, that we may hold fast that which is true, and faithfully confess You before others,

L: We beseech You, sovereign Lord.

C: That regardless of the praise or contempt of the world, Your Church may worship and adore You in spirit and truth,

L: We beseech You, eternal Lord.

C: And as we pray for the Church universal, so let us pray for giving blessing upon the Church in this place, here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

L: Amen.

C: Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged.

L: Amen.

C: Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort.

L: Amen.

C: Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed.

L: Amen.

C: Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Bless we the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C: Amen, amen, amen. (Sung)

CLOSING HYMN *Abide With Me* (as lighting dims) 878 (1& 6)

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Edward Melchior

Liturgists: Rev. Dennis A. Kastens / Rev. Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Sherry A. Bierwagen, DMM

KFUO Broadcaster: Robert Mullen

Elders: 11:00 - M. Ohlau; 6:15 - B. Thompson

Ushers: 11:00 - F. Seiller, D. Ewald, C. Reifschneider, R. Spindler,
R. Wagner

6:15 - D. Birrittier, D. Kimmich, J. Roesch, C. Rolf, J. Schramm,
D. Schweigert

2010 JUNIOR CONFIRMANDS speaking next Wednesday will be Alex Curran, Kyle Hopfer, Joshua Loesch, and Clare Mancarella.