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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## SONG OF LAMENT

## AH, HOLY JESUS

**ELW #349**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

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## PSALM 31:5-16

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

**I hate those who cling to worthless idols, and I put my trust in the LORD.**

I will rejoice and be glad because of your steadfast love;  
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

**You have not handed me over to the power of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in an open place.**

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and  
from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

## **LUKE 23:1-49**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked

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him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, 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 this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death

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with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**  
**PASTOR ANDREW CHAVANAK**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

## **OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

**ELW #295**

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time, chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.

He was found in human fashion, death and sorrow here to know, that the race of Adam's children, doomed by law to endless woe, may not henceforth die and perish in the dreadful gulf below— evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore! Amen.

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## **THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Each bid is followed by a prayer that takes the following form:

Almighty and eternal God... We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray, brothers, sisters, and siblings, for the holy church throughout the world.

Let us pray for Don and Elizabeth our bishops, for Andrew our pastor, for Alysa our vicar, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism

Let us pray for our siblings who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

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Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Let us pray for those in need.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS (REPEATED THREE TIMES)**

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

### **THE SOLEMN REPROACHES**

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **SUNG RESPONSE**

### **JESUS, REMEMBER ME**

**ELW #616**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, remember me...**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, remember me...**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies... and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, remember me...**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights... but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters... and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, remember me...**

## **WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**