

# honest repentance

LENTEN SERIES + ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Hosea 2:13

Lenten Midweek Service 5 March 20, 2024 12:15pm / 6:30pm

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# **SERVICE OF VESPERS**



#### **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**



Lamb of

our

sal - va - tion.

Praise to You, O Christ,

Psalm 18:6-7, 15-18

<sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

<sup>7</sup>Then the earth reeled and rocked;

the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

<sup>15</sup>Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare

at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

<sup>16</sup>He sent from on high, he took me;

he drew me out of many waters.

<sup>17</sup>He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

<sup>18</sup>They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support.

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Hymn #433 Glory Be to Jesus

**Reading** *Mark* 14:53–65

A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. 54And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Reading** *Exodus 14:10—15:1* 

A reading from Exodus, chapters 14 and 15.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against

the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.



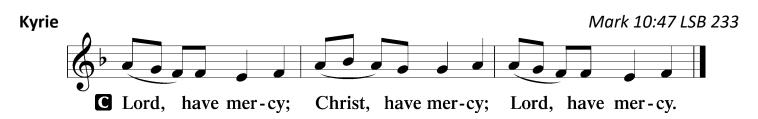
Sermon 6 of the Series "Honest Repentance"

"Salvation"

Exodus 14

## **Presentation of Offerings and Collection of Cards**

#### **Prayers**



# **Lord's Prayer**

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.

#### **Collects**

- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C And let my cry come to You.

### **Collect of the Day**

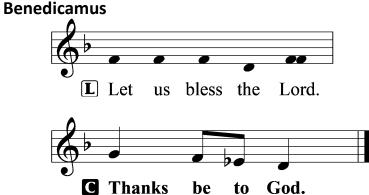
P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

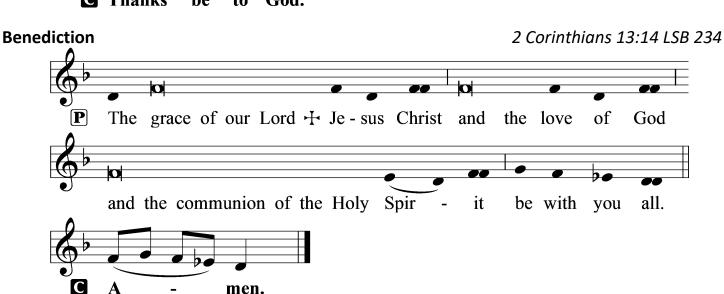
#### **Prayer for Guidance**

P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 103:1 LSB 234





#### **Postlude**



## Palm Sunday w/Holy Communion

March 23 at 5:30pm March 24 at 8am and 10:30am

# Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

March 28 at 12:15pm 6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

## **Good Friday**

March 29 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

## The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

March 31 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

