

By His Wounds We Are Healed

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

The Wounds of Stealing: *Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” LSB 440

Jesus, I will ponder now
On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I win love and faith
May the image cherish
Of your suff’ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

Grant that I your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to you
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev’ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God’s only Son
Suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By your holy passion.
If for me He slays his Son,
God must have compassion!

Response

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: By a perversion of justice, Christ was taken away.

All: Who could have imagined his future?

Pastor: For he was cut off from the land of the living,

All: stricken for the transgression of God’s people.

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

All: crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

All: and by his wounds we are healed.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

All: Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have stolen from you in our failure to love, serve, and obey you. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:15

“You shall not steal.”

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:1-5

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.