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We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number . For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if feature available, or cover the mouth piece. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

In these times of isolation and danger we give thanks to our God who tells us, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We may not be able to understand the why, but we know that God is in our midst working to sustain us and turn this evil to our good. His Word is never broken; His promises are sure! His love for us assures us of victory over all that which would destroy body and soul. We are with Him, and He continues to gift us with life, body, soul, family, friends, and our church family. We have much to be thankful for. Because of the resurrection of our Lord, we need never fear our future. We can do all things through Him who strengthens and loves us. We have Joy and Peace in Jesus Christ!

March 24, 2021 Lent Midweek Worship 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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GREETING:

EVENING PRAYER / SERVICE OF LIGHT

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Remember Your mercy, O LORD and Your steadfast love,,

C: for they have been from of old.

CALL TO EVENING WORSHIP: Hymn LSB 440 “Jesus, I will Ponder Now”

1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion; With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May Thy image cherish Of Your suffering pain, and death That I may not perish.
2. Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You, How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
3. Yet , O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion, But its cause to me make known And its termination. Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction; This indeed the cause has been of Your crucifixion.
4. 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?

Service of light: pg. 243

L: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the Light no darkness can overcome.

L: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

L: Let Your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

Hymn of Light *(spoken responsively)* pg. 244

L: Joyous light of glory:

C: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun,

and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, o Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

Thanksgiving for light pg. 245

*L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
May His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
For You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we,
Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

PSALMODY Ps. 141 pg. 245

C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.

C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

C: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

P: But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

OFFICE HYMN LSB 420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

1. Christ the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thy-self for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe; Though Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be Dearest Jesus unto Thee.
2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and strips, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be Dearest Jesus unto Thee.
3. Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole; Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul; Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be Dearest Jesus unto Thee.
4. Heart-less scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, has borne, That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ drawn from the four Gospels *(as per LW Agenda)*

Back to the Praetorium

Thy put on Him a splendid robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that same day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You have brought this man before me as one subverting the people. See now, I have examined Him before you and have found nothing in this man guilty of any of your charges against Him, and neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Mark this, He has done nothing worthy of death. I will have Him punished and release Him.”

Now at the feast it was the governor’s custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner whom they asked for. They had then a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. He was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising in the city. Pilate knew that it was out of malice that the chief priests handed Jesus over. Therefore He said to them, “Do you want me to release for you Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?”

While Pilate was sitting in the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message: “Do not have anything to do with that man; I have suffered much over Him today in a dream.”

Again Pilate addressed them, for he wished to release Jesus. He said to them, “What shall I do then with Jesus Who is called Christ? What shall I do with Him Whom you call the King of the Jews?”

They all cried out, “Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no guilt worthy of death in Him; I will therefore punish Him and let Him go.” They cried out all the louder, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers of the governor led Him away into the praetorium. They gathered the whole band of soldiers around Him. They stripped Him and put on Him a purple robe. When they had woven a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and a reed in His right hand, and they knelt before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. They knelt down and did Him homage.

Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I bring Him out to you that you may know I find Him not guilty.” So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

When the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I do not find Him guilty.”

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this he was more afraid and went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You refuse to speak to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and I have power to release You?”

Jesus answered, “You would not have any power at all over Me, unless it had been given to you from above. For that reason he who handed Me over to you has the greater sin.”

This prompted Pilate to go on trying to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement or, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was the Preparation of the Passover, about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your king!”

They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!”

Pilate said unto them, “Shall I crucify your king?”

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

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather a riot was under way, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this man; see to it yourselves.”

Then all the people responded, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

Then Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, gave sentence that it should be as they demanded. He released to them Barabbas for whom they asked, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder. He had Jesus flogged and then gave Him over to their will to be crucified. The soldiers mocked Him, stripped Him of the purple robe, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

Lenten Midweek Lesson:

“An Interview with the Pontus Pilate concerning the Trial of Jesus Christ’s Sentence”

Hymn LSB 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,

1. Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ev-er Pa-tient and low-ly, Thy – self to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
2. Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ev-er Pa-tient and low-ly, Thy – self to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
3. Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ev-er Pa-tient and low-ly, Thy – self to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us: Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

(Offering Given in Thanksgiving)

(As you are blessed so also you are privileged to contribute to Christ’s ministry by sending your offering in support of Your shared ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111) *In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org or come to worship at St. John’s. (social distancing and masks required).*

Prayer Hymn LSB 887 “Now the Light Has Gone Away”

1. Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today; Help me ev’ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
4. Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live. All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
5. Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end. Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

Litany

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here present and online their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Harrison and President Schlechte, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Biden, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our Elderly, infirmed, recovering from surgery and illness, for those suffering from fear and isolation and for our preschool staff, students, and parents; let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For continued support of our mission and ministries, leaders and people of Akobo, South Sudan; let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C: To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: 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

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn LSB 878 “Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide”

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings; Tears
for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change
and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is
death's sting? Where, grave, the victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, & point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Go live in your baptismal covenant.