

Welcome to Trinity

#29 Let Us Believe in a Crucified Christ!

Isaiah 53:12. *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong.* Here

he repeats as if by an exclamation. Since *He poured out His soul in death* and was not simply dead but *was numbered with the transgressors*, the prophet in these words repeats the suffering of Christ. Here he says: *He gave His life into death.* With that battering ram he strikes the stubbornness of the Jews, who do not want to hear about the Christ who dies but who look for a Christ who never dies. Here the prophet in a very simple and expressive way depicts the manner of His death. He says He will die and then points with the fingers, *He will be numbered with the transgressors*, as if to say, “You Jews want to acknowledge your Christ. He will appear in such a form that He will die the most despised kind of death in the midst of robbers.” The Jews, who look for a glorious Christ before they will believe in a crucified one, did not want to see this text. This is the way it happens to us who are blind, although as for us, let us believe in the crucified One.

Yet He bore the sins of many. He has described the death. Now he delineates the force and power of His sufferings. He says, “He did not die in vain, but all promises of Scripture have been fulfilled, and all our sins have been taken away. No, He did not toil in vain by His death, but He died to fulfill the promises and to set us free. (Luther’s Works, v. 17, pages 231).

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
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Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Apr 2/9 Vargo, Apr 16/23 Turner

Love.

I love thee, O Father, Who didst give Thy Son for me. I love Thee, O Christ, Who on the cross didst die for me. (Oremus, 1925, p.23).

The minister enters in silence.

Service of the Word

- Old Testament (printed)
- Tract from Habakkuk 3 (printed)
- Salutation (printed)
- + Collect (printed)
- Epistle (printed)
- Tract from Psalm 140 (printed)
- + Holy Gospel (printed)
- (The Creed is omitted.)*
- Hymn of the Day – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (printed)**
- Sermon

Prayers

- + Bidding Prayer p. 276-278

Meditation of Christ on the Cross

- + “Behold the life-giving cross...” (printed)

Reproaches

- Hymn #208, st. 1
- Hymn #208 St. 2
- Hymn #117

Service of the Sacrament

- + Eucharistic Prayer
- + Words of Institution
- + Proclamation of Christ
- + Lord’s Prayer
- Distribution
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- Hymn #119, #110**
- + Postcommunion Prayer (printed)
- + Benedicamus (printed)
- (The Benediction is omitted.)*

Offerings may be place in plates in the narthex.

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Altar Prayers for Good Friday

1. O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who wast led forth to the ignominious death of the cross for our sins and wast numbered with the transgressors, being made a curse for us to satisfy the eternal and inexorable justice of God, we give Thee most hearty praise, honor, and glory for Thine infinite mercy, and we beseech Thee to strengthen our faith and trust in Thee, that, being redeemed from the curse of the Law, we may comfort ourselves in every temptation with Thy all-sufficient merit. Let the preaching of the Cross be to us the power of God and the wisdom of God, that by the faithful use of Thy Word we may obtain the blessings which Thou hast promised.

Grant us Thy grace, that, as our old man is crucified with Thee, we may daily crucify our flesh and henceforth serve not sin, but walk in newness of life. May we also with true faith and sincere devotion follow Thy example of meekness in affliction and sorrow, love our enemies, and willingly suffer injury and injustice for Thy meekness' sake.

Draw us to Thee, as Thou didst draw the dying malefactor; intercede for us with Thy heavenly Father, as Thou didst pray for those who reviled and crucified Thee; and grant that we may continue blameless in steadfast faith and in patient hope unto the end. Remember us in Thy kingdom, let Thy cross be our solace in our final distress, and receive our souls into Thy hands; for Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord God of Truth.

2. O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we heartily thank Thee for Thy holy Passion and bitter death, for Thy sorrow and anguish of heart, for Thy pains and wounds, for all that Thou didst endure in body and soul. Thy soul was exceeding sorrowful even unto death. Thou gavest Thy back to the smiters, and Thy cheeks to them that plucked off the hair, and didst not hide Thy face from shame and spitting. Being numbered with the transgressors, Thou wast as a curse hanged on a tree; Thy hands and feet were pierced with nails; in Thy parching thirst they gave Thee vinegar and gall to drink; and even in Thy death men reviled Thee. Thou wast brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so Thou openedst not Thy mouth.

O Thou spotless Lamb of God, Thou didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, the Lord laid on Thee the iniquity of us all. In obedience to Thy heavenly Father, Thou didst, as our Surety, willingly lay down Thy life to render unto divine justice perfect satisfaction for sin, that, being clothed in the garment of Thy innocence, we might have pardon and peace. Therefore unto Thee, that didst love us and wash us from our sins in Thine own blood, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

O blessed Redeemer, we beseech Thee, let the remembrance of Thy bitter suffering and death be ever present to our souls. Teach us to acknowledge Thee as the one Sacrifice and only Atonement for sins, that we may turn from all false comforters and have true consolation by faith in Thee alone. May the contemplation of Thy cross subdue our evil impulses and arouse in us holy desires and aspirations, that, being dead to sins, we may live unto righteousness. Teach us also to take up our cross and to endure in patient obedience all things for Thy name's sake. Let Thy cross be our comfort and strength in our last hour. May we by faith overcome the terrors of death and joyfully commit our souls into Thy hands, that, having suffered with Thee, we may also be glorified with Thee, our Savior and Redeemer.



The Luther Bible 1534: 1 Kings 18:16-46 – Elijah at Mt Carmel, #486