THE LORD'S PRAYER AND HIS PASSION

"Forgive Us Our Trespasses..."
6th Wednesday of Lent ~ April 1, 2020...7:00 PM

WELCOME. . . During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will study the Lord's Prayer in light of our Savior's suffering and death. As we blend this model prayer with the familiar scenes of Jesus' passion, our prayer life takes on new and richer meaning. May God bless our Lenten worship.

OPENING HYMN: "Something for Thee" (Savior, Thy Dying Love) HWC #445

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER: (A prayer of Martin Luther)

O Lord, we are sorry that we do not meet the requirements of Your holy Word. We pray, be patient with us, Your poor children. Forgive us our debts, and do not proceed to judge us, for in Your sight no one can be justified. Remember the promise that if we gladly forgive our debtors, You will grant forgiveness. It is not that we deserve Your forgiveness, but because You keep Your word and have graciously promised pardon to all who forgive their fellowmen. We rely on Your promise. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 John 4:7-12

God Is Love

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23:32-43

32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."[a] And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, [b] "This is the King of the Jews."
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39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him,[c] saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be

with me in paradise."

EXPLAINING THE WORD

P: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

SERMON HYMN: "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes" LBW #113

SERMON: "Forgive Us Our Trespasses...." Matthew 6:12: Luke 23:34

CONFESSING THE WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Offering may be dropped off or mailed to the church office as a response to God's goodness and in support of our continued ministry).

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION: May the One God and Father of us all, Who is over all and in all and through all things, bless and keep us through faith in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide With Us, Our Savior" LBW #263

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Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes



CLOSE OF SERVICE



Abide with Us, Our Savior



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