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WORDS OF LIFE FROM THE CROSS

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

MARCH 18, 2020



“The Faithful Word”

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregation gathers in silence.

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand for portions of service marked with an asterisk ()*

WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

***OPENING VERSICLES FOR LENT**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**All: 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 25

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Pastor: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

People: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

Pastor: His soul shall abide in wellbeing, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

People: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.

Pastor: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

People: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Pastor: The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

People: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Pastor: Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

People: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

Pastor: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

All: 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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:54-71

(Jesus' trial in the high priest's house)

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour

still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSORY**

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 vss. 10-12



- 10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, 11 When we seem in vain to pray
With our evil left alone, And our hope seems far away,
While no light from heav'n is shown: In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus. Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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SERMON

“The Faithful Word”

Pastor Chris Matthis

*ANTIPHON

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

OFFERING

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.epiphanylc.org and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.



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Members, Visitors, Friends, and Relatives: Please take a moment to note your attendance with us today on the appropriate sheet in the attendance folders at the ends of each row. This not only helps us to know who is worshipping here with us, but also we can let you know of up coming activities here at Epiphany.

Folders will be collected by ushers at the end of the service.

✠ PRAYER ✠

***KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

***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.

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.**

***COLLECT FOR PEACE**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

***BENEDICAMUS**

LSB pg. 234

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*BENEDICTION

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Pastor: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Midweek Lenten Services (all begin at 6:30 pm)

March 25th – The Suffering Word – Rev. Chris Matthis

April 1st – The Dying Word – Rev. John Larson

Holy Week Services

April 9th, 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion)

April 10th, 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

April 11th, 5:00 pm – Easter Vigil (no Holy Communion)

April 12th, 8:00 am & 9:30 am – Resurrection Sunday

April 12th, 11:00 am – Resurrection Sunday (with Holy Communion)

SERVING THE LORD TONIGHT

(March 18, 2020)

Readings: (*Psalm*) Psalm 25 (*Holy Gospel*) Luke 22:54-71

	6:30 pm
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