

Weekly Lenten Service

March 22, 2020 7:00 PM

INVOCATION

HYMN “O Jesus, So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild” #546 (LSB)

Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
For Sinners You became a child.
You came from heaven down to earth In
human flesh through human birth.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
Your Father’s righteous and anger stayed
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
Joy fills the world which sin defiled. Whate’er
we have belongs to You;
O Keep us faithful, strong, and true.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

OPENING SENTENCES - Girolamo Savonarola, 1490 AD

P: Jesus, Refuge of the weary, blest redeemer, whom we love.

C: Fountain in life’s desert dreary. Savior from the world above.

P: O how often Thine eyes, offended, gaze upon the sinner’s fall!

C: Yet upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.

P: Do we pass that cross unheeding? Breathing no repentant vow?

C: Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding! See Thy thorn encircled brow?

P: Yet Thy sinless death has brought us - Life eternal!
Peace! and Rest!

C: Only what Thy grace has taught us, calms the sinner's stormy breast.

P: Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!

C: May our eyes be ever turning to Thy cross of agony.

P: Until in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,

C: Graven in our hearts forever dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 27:33-50 (The death of Christ)

They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads** and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **He trusts in God. Let God rescue him** now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all

the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!!

EXPOSITORY MESSAGE "Despised and Crucified"

Psalm 22:1-21

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David.

I. Forsaken By the Father (vs 1-5)

Jesus: 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning/roaring? 2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

About God: 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. 4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. 5 They cried to you and were saved; In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

II. Despised by the People (vs 6-10)

Jesus: 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. 7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: 8 "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

About God: 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. 10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

III. Crucified by Both God and People (vs 11-21)

Jesus: 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. 13 Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. 16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. 18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

About God: 19 But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. 20 Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. 21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord lifted high upon the cross for our sakes, we look to you for strength and courage, forgiveness and hope during these days of Lent.

C: Keep us firm in our faith, fervent in our prayer life, and sure of our beliefs as we proclaim the mystery of Christ crucified for all the world.

P: Help us this season to see, in a new and glorious way, your grand design for the salvation of our souls.

C: May we use these days of Lent to let our minds linger on the greatness of your love and the depth of your sacrifice. Make us even more aware of all the ways in which we can touch the lives of others around us with your Gospel of love.

P: We pray for those who are in need, who are sick, who grieve, who struggle....and for those who rejoice. Hear our private and spoken prayers (*Please speak the name and circumstance of those in need of our prayer*)

P: We pray for these and all needs in the name of the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus our Lord who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

“Now the Light Has Gone Away” #887 (LSB)

Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee

Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.

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!

Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more,
Always better than before.

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Lenten Worship at St. Peters - Sundays, 7:00 PM

- March 15 “My God, My God, Why?” Psalm 22:1-15
 (Meal by St. Peter’s Youth—Tacos/Nachos)

- March 22 “O Lord, Be Not Far Off” Psalm 22:16-31
 (Meal by Mission Team—Baked Potato/
 Salad)

- March 29 Assorted Prophecies
 (Mon Night Small Group—Soup &
 Sandwich)

A Lenten Devotional, “Eyes on Jesus”, is available in the narthex. This devotional will help us to “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done for us to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death. On account of the Savior’s justifying work, we will celebrate what God sees when He looks at us.