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HYMN – 572:1-3 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

GOSPEL - John 19:17-30

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

PSALM 2

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: And the peoples plot in vain?

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: “Let us break their chains,” they say,

C: “And throw off their fetters.”

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: The Lord scoffs at them.

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD;

C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: The ends of the earth your possession.

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

M: Serve the LORD with fear

C: And rejoice with trembling.

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

PSALM 22

M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
C: **Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?**
M: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
C: **By night, and am not silent.**
M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
C: **You are the praise of Israel.**
M: In you our fathers put their trust;
C: **They trusted and you delivered them.**
M: They cried to you and were saved;
C: **In you they trusted and were not disappointed.**
M: But I am a worm and not a man,
C: **Scorned by men and despised by the people.**
M: All who see me mock me;
C: **They hurl insults, shaking their heads:**
M: “He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.
C: **Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**
M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;
C: **You made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.**
M: From birth I was cast upon you;
C: **From my mother’s womb you have been my God.**
M: Do not be far from me,
C: **For trouble is near and there is no one to help.**
M: Many bulls surround me;
C: **Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.**
M: Roaring lions tearing their prey
C: **Open their mouths wide against me.**
M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
C: **My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.**
M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: **You lay me in the dust of death.**
M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,
C: **They have pierced my hands and my feet.**
M: I can count all my bones;
C: **People stare and gloat over me.**
M: They divide my garments among them
C: **And cast lots for my clothing.**
M: But you, O Lord, be not far off;
C: **O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**
M: Deliver my life from the sword,
C: **My precious life from the power of the dogs.**
M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
C: **Save me from the horns of the wild oxen.**
M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

PSALM 27

M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.
M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**
M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
C: **When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**
M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
C: **Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**
M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
C: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**
M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
C: **He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

M: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

C: Your face, LORD, I will seek.

M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

C: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: The LORD will receive me.

M: Teach me your way, O LORD;

C: Lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

C: For false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

HYMN - 423 “The Power of the Cross”

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

LESSON - Isaiah 52:13-53:5

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness—¹⁵ so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

^{53:1} Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

HYMN - 430 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LESSON - Isaiah 53:6-12

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD’S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN - 811 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

SERMON – Matthew 27:38-54

“God on Trial: Evidence”

SONG OF MARY - (page 220)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation

M: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 51 (read by pastor)

The sixth candle is extinguished.

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence for meditation

A loud noise is heard which represents Christ's tomb being broken open. The seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

HYMN – 434:1,3,4 “Upon the Cross Extended”

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly. Offerings will be received at the exit of the sanctuary.

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