

# St. John's Order of Worship

April 1, 2020

## Welcome

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

Today we learn of Pilate's worldly view and how, to keep his position and placate the Jewish leaders and crowd, he handed Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers saw the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as "King of the Jews" proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross.

## Opening Song

***What Is The World To Me (vs 1,4)*** [ LSB 730 ]

What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

## **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## **Confession**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for confession and self-reflection)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, the devil, the world, and our sinful nature constantly lead us to worldliness. Forgive our worldly sins and grant us the gift of heavenly-mindedness so that we might live in the world while not being of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, and the people of God declared:

**C: Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!  
<sup>20</sup> My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. <sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsive Psalm: Psalm 2**

P: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,**

**ALL: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**

P: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

**C: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

**ALL: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

P: I will tell of the decree:

**C: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

## **New Testament Reading: 1 John 2:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 15:1-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

<sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Song

### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** [ LSB 425 ]

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Message:** “Worldly Eyes” Pastor David Neiman

## Offering

The past few weeks we heard an important note of encouragement and a call to action for each of us regarding our offerings during this time. We need to continue to provide the resources to care for all St. John's staff. God has brought a dedicated, gifted team of people here to serve us and our community. This is not a time to cut or shrink our offerings. Now is the time to step up in faith so we can preserve and support our staff during this difficult time. There are a lot of uncertainties with short-term revenue and expenses. Please be generous with your support of the Lord's work - you can give through the St. John's App or by mailing checks/offering envelopes.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**ALL:** 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.

### Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lead you as you take up your cross to follow him. The Lord grant you salvation and guide your feet in the way of peace.

**C:** Amen.

## Closing Song

***Now the Light Has Gone Away (vs 1,2,4) [ LSB 887 ]***

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.

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!