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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Monday, April 6, 2020 +**

## **Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

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

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Psalmody**

*Psalm 35:1-4,9-10*

L: Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!

**C: Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!**

L: Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

**C: Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life!**

L: Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation.

**C: All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?"**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

# 440, v. 1-3

[1] Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.

[2] Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.

[3] Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your Passion;  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.

## Reading

**Hebrews 2:1-18**

*Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the*

message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the

*power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson**

In our reading today from Hebrews 2, the Apostle Paul teaches on the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today is Monday of Holy Week and our eyes are turned once again to the cross of Jesus and to the empty tomb. And in doing so, Paul draws our attention to two truths: that Jesus suffered death for everyone and that he was therefore crowned with glory and honor.

First, Jesus suffered death for everyone. This is the heart and center of our faith. Jesus did not suffer death as a consequence for his own sins. Jesus had no sin to die for. It was not in payment for his own sins that Jesus died; but in payment for our sins. And not only for ours, but for the sins of the whole world. Jesus died in our place. He suffered for us.

Second, then, because Jesus suffered for us, he was then crowned with glory and honor. The Father honored and rewarded the sacrifice of his Son with glory. Jesus was raised from the dead in victory over sin and received into the throne room of heaven after his resurrection; where he is now worshiped as God and Lord.

Glory followed suffering. Victory followed defeat. Reward followed sacrifice. Easter followed Good Friday. This is true for so many situations in life; how much more is it true for our Lord.

And so we turn our eyes again to Jesus this Holy Week and we marvel at his work of salvation. We fix our eyes on his cross of suffering and then we turn to the empty tomb and his victory over death.

We fix our eyes on the Lord, *"who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."* (Hebrews 2:9) Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the**

**dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.**

### **Collect**

L: Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of your only-begotten Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn

# 440, v. 4-6

[4] Grant that I Your Passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?

[5] If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion;  
If his me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

[6] Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.