

Midweek Lenten Service 4
March 13, 2024
7pm

WATCHERS ON THE + HILL

ACT 4

The Good Son

A Play for Lent and Holy Week
By Elaine Aadland

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Pastor: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
People: He was bruised for our iniquities.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.
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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Father in heaven, you call us always to be prepared to share the hope we have in Christ. But we admit that we have not followed this command.
People: We are often unprepared, and therefore we have been reluctant to confess your name.
Leader: The causes are many: pressures of the world, fear of embarrassment, misplaced priorities, lack of prayer.
People: Behind them all is sin in our hearts and our weak faith.
Leader: Father, forgive us.
People: Look not at our sin, but at your Son.
Leader: Father, strengthen us.
People: Fill us with confidence in your gracious promises.
Leader: Father, prepare us.
People: Give us your words, and lead us with your Spirit, to confess faithfully your holy name.

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God is merciful and kind. He does not leave us in our sin but loves and forgives us in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.
O Jesus, our King, by Holy Baptism into Your death we have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by grace. In Your kingly love You faithfully kept the ancient promise of the salvation of the whole world once again setting even the solitary in families. Fill us with wisdom and patience that we may live together in faith and love; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SERMON HYMN

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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| 1 | 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. | 3 | 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? |
| 2 | 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. | 4 | 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! |

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SERMON

"The Good Son" John 19:25-27

GOSPEL READING

John 19:25-27

but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

CHOIR

"No Other Lamb, No Other Name"

GIFTS OF TITHES AND LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

878 v. 1 ,4, 5, 6 Abide with Me

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me
abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts
flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little
day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass
away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with
me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no
bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave,
thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me
to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's
vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Serving Our Lord

Pastor	Pat Hauser
Pastor	Eric Clausen
Pastor	Bill Brunold
Elder	Wes Jackman
Actors	Michelle Kruse & Patrice Molle
Reader	Leilani Miller
Organist	JoAnne Sloan
Choir Director	Jennifer Gaston
Accompanist	Tammy Ordaz
Acolytes	Henry Amrein & Abby Bondurant



Lent & Holy Week Services 2024

Ash Wednesday February 14 7pm

Midweek Wednesday Services

Lenten 1 February 21st 7pm

Lenten 2 February 28th 7pm

Lenten 3 March 6th 7pm

Lenten 4 March 13th 7pm

Lenten 5 March 20th 7pm

March 28th Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

Prayer Vigil 3/28 – 3/29

March 29th Good Friday

Noon – 3:00 pm Tre Ore Remembrance

Seven distinct segments will remember the last seven words of Jesus on the cross.

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

March 31st Easter Sunday

6:00 am Sunrise Celebration

with Communion

8:00 am Traditional Easter Service

10:30am Contemporary Easter Service



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Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.

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