

Outline of Worship

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Friday, April 10, 2020 / Good Friday – Year A, “Eyes on Jesus – God’s Eyes”

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As We Gather: This Lent, we have been using the imagery 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 clearly and correctly.

As we conclude these forty days of Lent, looking within ourselves as people of faith in our day, we again ask how we are like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most importantly, as we gather for worship, we see again what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, Good Friday, we are standing at the foot of the cross, but there are others standing with us. Simon of Cyrene, the people who mock Jesus, and the centurion all have their eyes on the cross as well. But the only viewpoint that truly matters is that of the triune God. The Father sees our sins taken upon Jesus on the cross, the Son looks on us in forgiving mercy, and the Holy Spirit sees the message we are to proclaim. “Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2).

TENEBRAE VESPERIS

Opening Versicles

- P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Introit – *Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)*

- P: He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
C: **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**
- P: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
C: **nor discipline me in your wrath!**
- P: For your arrows have sunk into me,
C: **and your hand has come down on me.**
- P: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
C: **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**
- P: For my iniquities have gone over my head;
C: **like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**
- P: I confess my iniquity;
C: **I am sorry for my sin.**
- P: Make haste to help me,
C: **O Lord, my salvation!**
- P: He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
C: **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (ESV)

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human
semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of
mankind—
¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.
53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be
satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Gospel Reading – Mark 15:21-39 (ESV)

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry [Jesus'] cross. ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Sermon

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.
C: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

Collects

- P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Tenebrae Sequence

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested – *Matthew 26:47-56*
(*The first candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus before the High Priest and Council – *Matthew 26:57-75*
(*The second candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus before Pontius Pilate – *Matthew 27:1-14*
(*The third candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus Is Delivered to Be Crucified – *Matthew 27:15-31*
(*The fourth candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus on the Cross – *Matthew 27:32-44*
(*The fifth candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus Dies – *Matthew 27:45-54*
(*The sixth candle is extinguished.*)

Jesus Is Buried – *Matthew 27:55-66*
(*The seventh candle is removed and taken out of the sanctuary, representing Christ's burial in the tomb. The sound of a loud noise, the strepitus, is heard, representing the tomb being sealed by the stone. The candle is returned, signifying that Christ will not remain dead, and our hope for Easter morning is yet to come. The service ends in reverent silence. Please join us on Sunday for our Easter service.*)