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Hymn: TLH #154:1-2,4

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

P O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 143

- P O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cries for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring Your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirits fail. Do not hide Your face from us, for we have put our trust in You. Show us the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim Your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.

Moment of silence for private confession.

- P Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of Your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C Yes, I believe.
- P Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins.

 → Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

PENITENTIAL PSALM

Ps. 130

- P Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!
- Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- P I wat for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope;
- My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Response: WS #724

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Q ✓ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (x4)

☆ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord **☆**

Hymn: TLH #175

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SERMON TEXT - John 19:14-18 (NIV) It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵ But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others-- one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Three Words of Truth: "Take Him Away!"

P "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Amen.



LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION