



“Lord, remember me  
when You come into  
Your kingdom.”

Luke 23:42



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## As We Gather

“Lord, remember me...” It’s a humble, desperate prayer whispered from a dying man beside a dying Savior. Today, we gather not to dwell on our own merits, but to marvel at the mercy of the One who remembers sinners with grace. As we sing, pray, and hear His Word, may the Spirit draw our eyes to the cross—where forgiveness was won, where mercy spoke louder than judgment, and where Jesus promised paradise to the unworthy. Come with your sin, your sorrow, your need—and hear again the Savior’s reply: “Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

172 (1, 4, 8, 10) – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord, we come before the cross of Christ, mindful of our sin and the price He paid to redeem us. On this day, we remember that He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. Let us therefore confess our sins, seeking His mercy.

**C** **Almighty God, we confess to You 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 deserve nothing but Your present and eternal punishment. But we come to You, O Lord, as the thief came to Jesus— empty-handed, guilty, and pleading for grace. For the sake of His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**P** Hear the good news: Jesus Christ remembered you from the cross. He bore your sin, your shame, your punishment. By His stripes you are healed. As a called 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.

# ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>13</sup> Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. <sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; <sup>15</sup> So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. <sup>1</sup> Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. <sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. <sup>8</sup> He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. <sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

<sup>11</sup> He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.  
<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 15-22, 27-31

- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
- C** **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**
- P** I am a worm, and no man;
- C** **A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**
- P** All those who see Me ridicule Me;
- C** **They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,**
- P** “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
- C** **Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”**
- P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;
- C** **You have brought Me to the dust of death.**
- P** For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
- C** **They pierced My hands and My feet;**
- P** I can count all My bones.
- C** **They look and stare at Me.**
- P** They divide My garments among them,
- C** **And for My clothing they cast lots.**
- P** But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
- C** **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**
- P** Deliver Me from the sword,
- C** **My precious life from the power of the dog.**
- P** Save Me from the lion’s mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen!
- C** **You have answered Me.**
- P** I will declare Your name to My brethren;
- C** **In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.**
- P** All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**
- P** For the kingdom is the LORD’s,
- C** **And He rules over the nations.**

- P** All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;
- C** **All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.**
- P** A posterity shall serve Him.
- C** **It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,**
- P** They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
- C** **That He has done this.**

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. <sup>7</sup> In the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, <sup>8</sup> though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup> And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

## Response

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Amen.**

## Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn

175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

## Sermon Text

Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup> Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” <sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”



*Sermon*

## Remember Me

### Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

Musical notation for the offertory song, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,  
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures  
Have no pow'r Thee to ef-face. This the su - per -  
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my  
hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo-ry and Sal-va - tion.

### General Prayer

## 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.**

### Passion History Reading

#### VII. The Burial of Our Lord

The whole crowd who came together to witness the crucifixion, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances and many women also were there, standing at a distance, watching these things. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's sons. And there were many other women who had accompanied Him from Galilee and came with Him to Jerusalem, ministering to Him.

Because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Jesus; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

And after these things, when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that, behold, there came a rich man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews. He was a good and just man, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. He was a prominent council member, but he had not consented to their counsel and deed. This man took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, that he might take it away. And Pilate marveled that He was already dead, and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. And when he found out from the centurion, Pilate gave him permission and commanded the body to be given to Joseph.

Then Joseph bought fine linen and came and took the body of Jesus down. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and wrapped and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden Joseph's own new tomb, that was hewn out of the rock, in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because that day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near, and because the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after. Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, the mother of Joses. They observed the tomb, and where and how His body was laid. And Joseph rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and went away. And the women returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise'. Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

## **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Hymn**

170 – O Perfect Life of Love!

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