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# BLESSED JESUS, AT THY CROSS

## LENTEN MEDITATIONS BASED ON THE BEATITUDES

**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit:**.....Matthew 5:3-4  
(3) “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4) Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.  
Hymns: TLH 140, st. 1-5; TLH 166; TLH 552, st. 1, 7-8  
March 9, 2011 (Pastor John Hein)

**Blessed are the Meek:**.....Matthew 5:5  
(5) Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.  
Hymns: TLH 149; TLH 142, st. 1-3; TLH 554, st. 3-6  
March 16, 2011 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)

**Blessed are the Merciful:**.....Matthew 5:7  
(7) Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.  
Hymns: TLH 155; TLH 318; TLH 562  
March 23, 2011 (Pastor David Baker)

**Blessed are Those who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness:**..... Matthew 5:6  
(6) Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.  
Hymns: TLH 371, st. 1-5; TLH 151 1-3,7; TLH 558  
March 30, 2011 (Pastor John Hein)

**Blessed are the Pure in Heart:**.....Matthew 5:8  
(8) Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.  
Hymns: TLH 143, st. 1-5; TLH 154; WS 796  
April 6, 2011 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)

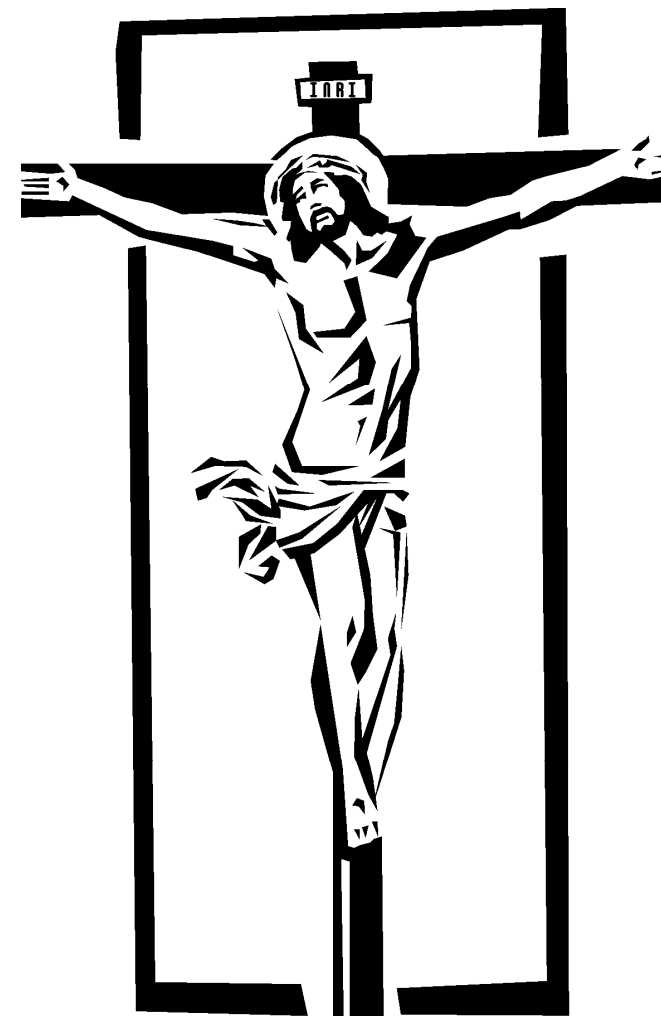
**Blessed are the Peacemakers:**.....Matthew 5:9  
(9) Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.  
Hymns: TLH 144; TLH 391; TLH 555  
April 13, 2011 (Rev. Rick Grams)

**Blessed are the Persecuted:**.....Matthew 5:10-12  
(10) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. (12) “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.  
Good Friday - April 22, 2011 (Pastor John Hein)



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## LENT 2011



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# ORDER OF MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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## Hymn:

**Opening Liturgy:** ..... Based on the Beatitudes

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

**C: Amen.**

*P: Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

**C: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*P: Blessed are those who mourn,*

**C: For they shall be comforted.**

*P: Blessed are the meek,*

**C: For they shall inherit the earth.**

*P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*

**C: For they shall be filled.**

*P: Blessed are the merciful,*

**C: For they shall obtain mercy.**

*P: Blessed are the pure in heart,*

**C: For they shall see God.**

*P: Blessed are the peacemakers,*

**C: For they shall be called sons of God.**

*P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,*

**C: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*P: Let us confess our sins before our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us ...*

**C: Lord Jesus, we come before you as sinners, poor in spirit with repentant hearts and humbled by Your great love for us. Be merciful to us and forgive us our many sins. We thirst for Your righteousness alone, knowing that You bore our sin to the cross of Calvary. We look to Your sacrifice, knowing that through it alone we are truly blessed.**

*P: Through Christ's atoning blood, we have peace with God! Be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven! As the Scripture says, "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." Amen!*

**Response:** ..... TLH 391, st. 1-2: Blessed Are the Sons of God

**Sing [♫]:** Blessed are the sons of God,  
They are bought with Christ's own blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave,  
Life eternal they shall have:  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity!

They are justified by grace,  
They enjoy the Savior's peace;  
All their sins are washed away,  
They shall stand in God's great Day:  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity!

**The Passion Reading:** .....A Harmony of the Gospels (Beck)

**Confession of Faith:** ..... Luther's Explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Response:** ..... TLH 145, st. 3: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

**Sing [♫]:** Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To Thy cross of agony  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

**Sermon:** ..... Blessed Jesus at Thy Cross

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**Response:** ..... (Tune of TLH 613: Jerusalem the Golden)

**Sing [♫]:** Christ said, "The poor in spirit, the kingdom shall receive."  
Oh may we, Lord, inherit, and happily believe,  
As heirs of all Your bounty, Your mercy and Your love,  
Such riches of Your kingdom, eternally above! Amen.

## Hymn:

**Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer:**

**Holy Communion (Ash Wednesday):**

**Benediction (by Pastor or Choir):**

**Closing Hymn:**

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