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# Grace Lutheran Church
# Lent 2013

# Jesus Christ On Trial

# ORDER OF MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

**Hymn:**

**Opening Liturgy:** ..... Based on Romans 3:9-12, 19-26

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

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sins before our Savior, Jesus Christ, the One who has redeemed us … We have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.*

**C: As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.**

*P: They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;*

**C: There is none who does good, no, not one."**

*P: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,*

**C: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

*P: Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight,*

**C: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

*P: But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed,*

**C: being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,**

*P: even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.*

**C: For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

*P: being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

**C: whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,**

*P: because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,*

**C: to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

**Sing [♬]: God loved the world so that He gave**
**His only Son the lost to save**
**That all who would in Him believe**
**Should everlasting life receive.**

**God would not have the sinner die,**
**His Son with saving grace is nigh,**
**His Spirit in the Word doth teach**
**How man the blessed goal may reach.** (TLH 245, st. 1-2)

*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!*

**Sing [♬]: Be of good cheer, for God's own Son**
**Forgives all sins which thou hast done;**
**Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood,**
**Thy Baptism grants the highest good.** (TLH 245, st. 4)

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

**Confession of Faith:** ..... Augsburg Conf., Art. IV, Justification

**C: It is taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for His sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness. Amen.**

**Response:** ..... TLH 153: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

**Sing [♬]: Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,**
**Was there ever grief like His?**
**Friends through fear His cause disowning,**
**Foes insulting His distress;**
**Many hands were raised to wound Him,**
**None would interpose to save;**
**But the deepest stroke that pierced Him**
**Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**Here we have a firm foundation;**
**Here the refuge of the lost;**
**Christ's the Rock of our salvation,**
**His the name of which we boast.**
**Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,**
**Sacrifice to cancel guilt!**
**None shall ever be confounded**
**Who on Him their hope have built.** (TLH 153, st. 2, 4)

**Sermon:** ..... Jesus Christ on Trial

Note: See back of bulletin for text and themes.

**Response:** ..... TLH 141: Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

**Sing [♬]: Jesus the Sacrifice became**
**To rescue guilty souls from hell;**
**The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb**
**Beneath avenging Justice fell.**

**Amazing goodness! Love divine!**
**Oh, may our grateful hearts adore**
**The matchless grace nor yield to sin**
**Nor wear its cruel fetters more!** (TLH 141, st. 4-5)

**Hymn:**

**Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer (Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday):**

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

**Closing Hymn:**

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# Jesus Christ On Trial

## Before Caiaphas: A Pre-Trial Expediency: ..... John 11:49-53

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for
us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." 51 Now this he did not say on his own *authority;* but
being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather
together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. 53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

**Hymns: TLH 140, st. 1-5; TLH 154; TLH 653** **February 13, 2013 (Pastor John Hein)**

## Before Annas: An Unnecessary Inquiry: ..... John 18:13, 19-24

13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. … 19 The high priest then
asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in
the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I
said to them. Indeed they know what I said." 22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the
palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil;
but if well, why do you strike Me?" 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

**Hymns: TLH 149; TLH 157; TLH 551 st. 1-3** **February 20, 2013 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)**

## Before the Sanhedrin: A Blasphemous Sentencing: ..... Matthew 26:57-67

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58 But Peter followed Him
at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council
sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two
false witnesses came forward 61 and said, "This *fellow* said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" 62 And the high priest arose
and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?" 63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I
put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" 64 Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter
you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the douds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his dothes, saying, "He
has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 What do you think?" They answered and
said, "He is deserving of death." 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck *Him* with the palms of their hands,

**Hymns: WS 721; TLH 143 st. 1-5; TLH 554 st. 5-6** **March 13, 2013 (Pastor David Baker)**

## Before Pontius Pilate: A Miscarriage of Justice: ..... John 19:5-11

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when
the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify *Him,* crucify *Him!*" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify
*Him,* for I find no fault in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made
Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and
said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not
know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless
it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

**Hymns: TLH 144; TLH 151, st. 1, 4-7; TLH 552 st. 1,6-8** **February 27, 2013 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)**

## Before Herod: An Ambivalent Judge: ..... Luke 23:6-12

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent
Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long
*time* to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. 9 Then he questioned Him
with many words, but He answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. 11 Then Herod, with
his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked *Him,* arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 That very day
Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

**Hymns: TLH 142 st. 1-3; WS 723; TLH 558** **March 6, 2013 (Pastor John Hein)**

## Before the Mob Jury: A Coerced Verdict: ..... Mark 15:6-15

6 Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. 7 And there was one named Barabbas,
*who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. 8 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask *him to
do* just as he had always done for them. 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he
knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release
Barabbas to them. 12 Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the King of the Jews?"
13 So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" 14 Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"
15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him,* to be crucified.

**Hymns: TLH 155; TLH 171 st. 1-4, 9, 12; TLH 562** **March 20, 2013 (Rev. Paul Voss)**