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The Stones Cry Out



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"I tell you that if these should
keep silent, the stones would
immediately cry out." Luke 19:40

ORDER OF MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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!

[145 v 3]

Opening Hymn:

Opening Liturgy:Based on Isaiah 59 and 53

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 holy God ...

C: Our iniquities have separated us from our God, and our sins have hidden His face from us. 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. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 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.

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

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 [♩]: I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

The Passion Reading: A Harmony of the Gospels

Response: WS 722: Deep Were His Wounds

**Sing [♩]: Deep were His wounds and red, On cruel Calvary,
As on the cross He bled In bitter agony.
But they, whom sin has wounded sore,
Find healing in the wounds He bore.**

Confession of Faith:.....Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article

C: 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.

Pre-Sermon Hymn:

Sermon:

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Note: See back of bulletin for text and themes

Response:WS 724: Jesus, Remember Me



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your King - dom.



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Offering:

Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Benediction:By Pastor or Choir

Closing Hymn:

On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no power Thee to efface.

This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation.

[TLH 179]

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Showing God's Judgment Upon Sin:.....Exodus 31:18

And when [the LORD] had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Hymns: TLH 140; TLH 143, st. 1-5; TLH 562..... March 5, 2014 (Pastor John Hein)

Rejected by Men, One Becomes the Church's Cornerstone:.....Acts 4:11

This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

Hymns: TLH 149; TLH 460; TLH 370..... March 12, 2014 (Pastor Daniel Fleischer)

Providing a Secure Foundation of Faith & Life:.....Matthew 7:24

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Hymns: TLH 153; TLH 427, st. 1-3, 7; TLH 551..... March 19, 2014 (Pastor David Baker)

In Praise of Savior Jesus:.....Luke 19:40

But [Jesus] answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Hymns: TLH 158; WS 723; TLH 558..... March 26, 2014 (Pastor John Hein)

In Memory of Jesus:1 Samuel 7:12

Then Samuel took a stone and set *it* up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

Hymns: TLH 145; TLH 151, st. 1-3, 7; TLH 555..... April 2, 2014 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)

Revealing Power Over Sin:.....Matthew 4:3-4

Now when the tempter came to [Jesus], he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Hymns: TLH 144, st. 1-4; TLH 516; TLH 653..... April 9, 2014 (Rev. Paul Voss)

The White Stone of Acquittal:.....Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*."

Good Friday:..... April 18, 2014 (Pastor John Hein)

The Rolling Stone of Victory:.....Mark 16:2-3

Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

Easter:..... April 20, 2014 (Pastor John Hein)