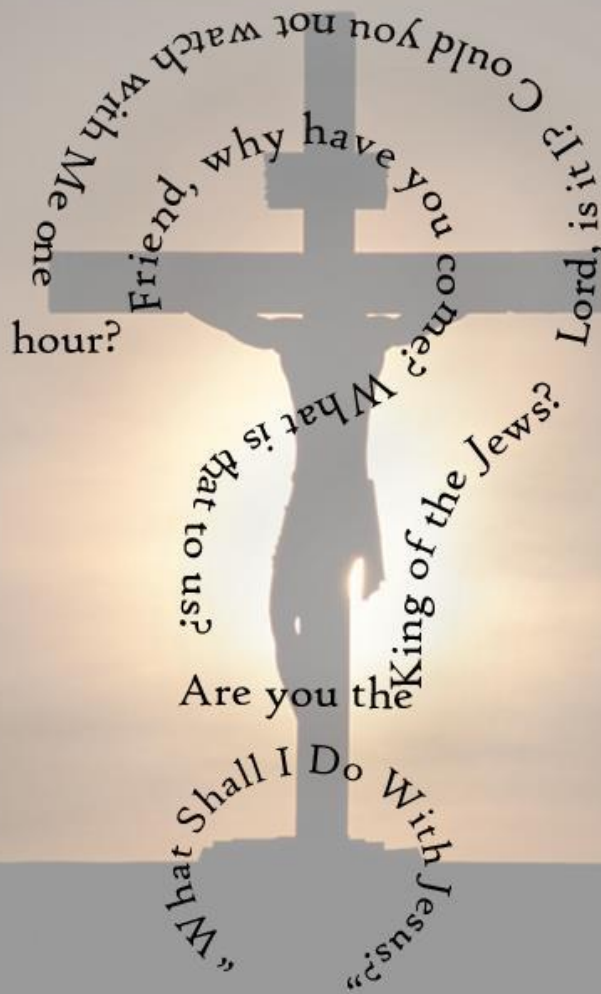


Probing Questions of the Passion



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Lord, is it I?
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What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

2016 Lenten Vespers



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Opening Hymn:

Opening Liturgy:.....With TLH 279, st. 1, 3: Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins ...

C: Lord Jesus, in this holy season, Your living and powerful Word penetrates to the very depth of my soul. With the probing instrument of Your holy Law, You expose my sinful heart and life, convicting and condemning me. Yet with the powerful and permeating Gospel of redemption you also come to me – assuring me of forgiveness and peace through Your saving merit. In repentance and faith I now come to You, O Lamb of God, looking to the cross alone. Forgive me, strengthen me and renew me for Your Name's sake.

P: Lent brings us the assurance from heaven that God has seen the suffering of His Son and is satisfied (Isaiah 53:11). "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you" (Matthew 9:2).

**Sing [♩]: Today Thy mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Thy precious blood can cleanse us
And make us white today.**

**Today our Father calls us,
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.**

The Passion Reading:A Harmony of the Gospels

Confession of Faith:.....Luther's Explanation to the Second 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.

Response:WS 724: Jesus, Remember Me



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



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Sermon:See back of bulletin for text and themes

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Response:WS 723, st. 1

Sing [♩]: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Post-Sermon Hymn:

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

Benediction (by Pastor or Choir):

Closing Hymn:

Please return bulletins for continued use during the Lenten season.

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Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour? (A Question of Vigilance) Matthew 26:40-41
⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Hymns: WS 722; TLH 159; TLH 558

Ash Wednesday: February 10, 2016 (Pastor John Hein)

Lord, is it I? (A Question of Accountability) Matthew 26:20-22
²⁰ When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” ²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

Hymns: TLH 140; TLH 171:1-4, 8; TLH 653

February 17, 2016 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)

What is that to Us? (A Question of Denial) Matthew 27:3-5
³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What *is that* to us? You *see to it!*” ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Hymns: TLH 142, st. 1-3,6; TLH 154; TLH 555

February 24, 2016 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)

Friend, Why Have You Come? (A Question of Motives) Matthew 26:48-50
⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Hymns: TLH 155; TLH 172, st. 1-4, 8; TLH 457

March 2, 2016 (Pastor David Baker)

Are You the King of the Jews? (A Question of Authority) Matthew 27:11-14
¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*” ¹² And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. ¹³ Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” ¹⁴ But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Hymns: WS 721; TLH 219; TLH 552, st. 1-4, 8

March 9, 2016 (Rev. Paul Fleischer)

What Shall I do with Jesus? (A Question of Significance) Matthew 27:20-23
²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas!” ²² Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” *They* all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” ²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

Hymns: TLH 165; TLH 151, st. 1, 4-7; TLH 554, st. 1-2, 5-6

March 16, 2016 (Rev. Paul Voss)

Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour? (A Question of Anguish) Matthew 27:45-46
⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Good Friday: March 25, 2016 (Pastor John Hein)