

Baptized Into His Death Lent 2025

MARCH 19, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Young Families / Toddler Bags — We are GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but DO NOT WORRY about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school toddler bags and children's bulletins are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.



INVOCATION

Please stand, if you are able

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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

- M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
 For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice,
 For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
 You should cast me away from your presence forever.
 O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Piano/Trumpet Duet

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

PRAYER

M: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

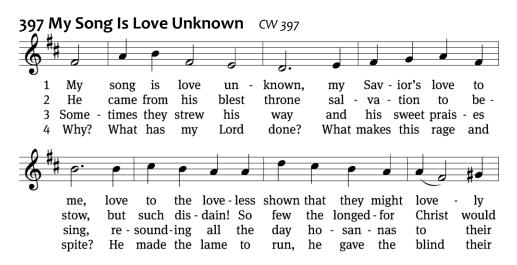
LESSON

The Passion History - Part Two

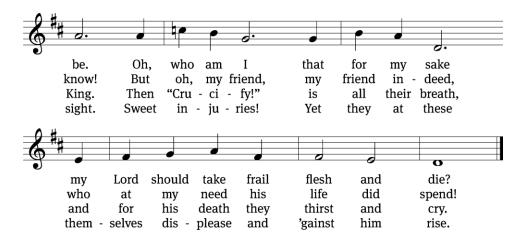
SEASONAL RESPONSE: (All)

M: We join in responding:

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.



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- They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.

 A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff ring goes that he his foes from death might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine, never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

SERMON

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

Please stand, if you are able

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR LENT

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Hear us as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

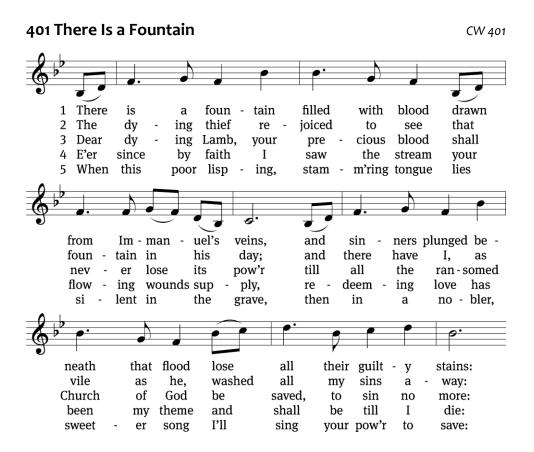
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

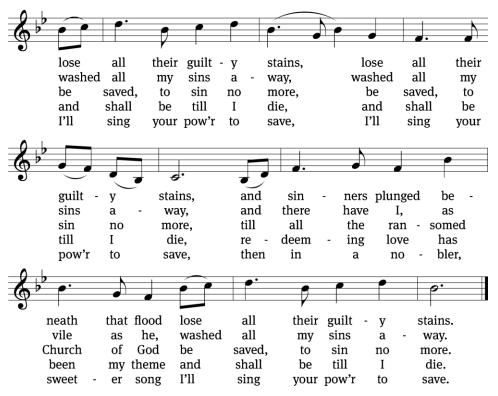
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated





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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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OUR GUEST OFFICIANT is Pastor John Gierach from St. John on Northfield Church Rd. in Ann Arbor. We thank him for leading us in worship this evening.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES –

Mid-week Lenten services Wednesdays, March 26, April 2, 9 @ 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Thursday, April 17 @ 7 p.m. Good Friday Afternoon Service, Friday, April 18 @ 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 18 @ 7 p.m. Easter Sunday Communion Services, Sunday, April 20 @ 6:30/9:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST – The Teens will again be hosting an Easter Breakfast on April 20th, starting around 8 a.m. in the church basement.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE—At the special voters meeting, it was decided that, going forward, we will have one church service on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:30 a.m. This change will start on Sunday, March 23rd.

