

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2022 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prelude -

"My Song Is Love Unknown" #343 v.1

- P Pilate said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."
- C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

"My Song Is Love Unknown" #343 v.2

- P Then Pilate summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews? What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world."
- C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

"My Song Is Love Unknown" #343 v.3

P Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But Jesus gave him no answer, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

C Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

"My Song Is Love Unknown" #343 v.4

P The high priest said to him, "Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

C By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. Out of his anguish he shall see light. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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Prayer of the Day

Senior Choir - "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

First Reading ... Isaiah 52:13-53:6

Imposition of Ashes

Senior Choir - "Remember That You Are Dust"

Second Reading ... Hebrews 12:1-3

Gospel Reading - Matthew 26:57-66

Theme Hymn - To the Tune of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" #517

Verse 1: Christ is on trial, and in our hearts. The gavel sounds, the trial starts — All must confront this silent One. Who claims to be God's only Son.

Verse 2: This Jesus cannot be ignored. He calls us each to name him "Lord." With op'ning statements we begin. To judge this Judge who clears our sin.

Verse 3: Lord, grant that we this trial view with holy awe. Let us review. The case for your divinity, And hail you "Lord" eternally.

Christ On Trial: "Opening Statements"

Hymn of Response - To the Tune of "Lord of Light" #688

Verse 1: Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love, Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above. Often have your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall; Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Verse 2: Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow, Though we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn-encircled brow? Yet your sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest; Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Verse 3: Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you; May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross anew; Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side, Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Offering

Offering Music - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word" #517

Prayers

Celebration of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Hymns of Distribution "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory" #324 and "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #337

Benediction ... based on 1 Peter 3

P In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

C We testify to the truth of Christ in court: in the chambers of our human hearts.

P So I say to you: Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. And may the peace of Christ bless and keep you as you live your life as a testimony to him.

C Amen.

"My Song Is Love Unknown" #343 v. 6

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! I all my days could gladly spend!

Postlude -