

## By His Wounds We Are Healed

March 18, 2020: The Wounds of Murder

### Pre-Service Music

**The accusation:** “If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation” (John 11:48). “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons” (Matthew 12:24).

**The commandment:** “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13).

**Theme Verse -** *Jesus is accused of inspiring rebellion and the destruction of Israel; He is accused of being in league with Satan, who is “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44).*

### Opening Music

### Welcome/Announcements

### We Call Upon Our God

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

P They made Christ’s grave with the wicked

**C and his tomb with the rich.**

P Although he had done no violence,

**C and there was no deceit in his mouth,**

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

**C crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

**C and by his wounds we are healed.**

### Opening Hymn “O Love, How Deep:

*LSB 544 1, 3, 5, 7*

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.**

**For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.**

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We are weak before you in the truth of our anger, our hostility, and the death and destruction we have caused. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God is gracious and merciful, and he desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is

healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn of Response “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** *LSB 425*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:13**

L You shall not murder.

**Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-17**

L For the Lord’s sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**Gospel Reading: John 11:47-53**

P So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

**Sermon Hymn “Jesus, Savior of the People”** *Tune of LSB 686*

**Jesus, Savior of the people, giver of unending grace,  
Heal our lives that now are feeble; bless us in this holy place.**

**You have come to earth convicted as a child of gentle reign.  
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!**

**Jesus, by your teaching, healing, sharing meal with one and all,  
You invite all those believing, everyone who hears your call,  
Warming hearts in hope unbounded, spreading love throughout the plain.**

**By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!**

**When the cries to crucify you were the wounding words to hear,  
Even then, you made all things new with forgiveness, love, and cheer!  
By our sin you were afflicted, on the cross you bore death’s pain,  
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!**

**Sermon: “Jesus Brings Life in the Midst of Violence”**

**Offering**

**Prayers:**

P Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God's creation. That throughout these forty days of Lent, you may give your people hope that it is Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That we might put away anger, judgment, and violence in our hearts, and instead embrace your promise of love and mercy.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That all who are injured by anger, hostility, or cruelty be granted wholeness, love, and restoration.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That we may seek and work for justice for all who are victims of hatred or violence in our world.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P For all the saints and martyrs, many of whom suffered violence in their own wounding unto death, that they may be the shining examples of the victory of the crucified and risen Lamb and the wounds of love that he bears for us still.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P Into your healing, wounded hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

**C By Christ's wounds, we are healed. Amen.**

P We pray the prayer that our wounded healer, Jesus the Christ, has taught us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Blessing**

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *LSB 649 1, 2, 3, 5***

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**