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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

### "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525 sts. 1-3, 5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Approaching the Word

**P** Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**C** Behold, I am doing all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

- P** The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.
- C** **Behold, I am coming soon.** (Rev. 22:12)
- P** Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- C** **Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** (John 1:29)
- P** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
- C** **“Behold your son... Behold your mother.”** (John 19:26-27)

*Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**Hymnary Confession**

*LSB 447*

- P** Jesus, in your dying woes, even while your lifeblood flows, craving pardon for your foes:



- C** Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
- P** Savior, for our pardon sue when our sins your pangs renew, for we know not what to do:
- C** ♪ **Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- P** May we in our guilt and shame still your love and mercy claim, calling humbly on your name:
- C** ♪ **Hear us, holy Jesus.**
- P** May your life and death supply grace to live and grace to die, grace to reach the home on high:
- C** ♪ **Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Absolution**

*LSB 185*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

**Hymn of Thanks**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*LSB 575*



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.

## † Service of the Word †

### Old Testament

*Proverbs 23:22–25*

Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Jr. Chancel

*Grant O God Your Blessing*

### Epistle

*1 Timothy 5:1–8*

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity.

Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 19:23–27*

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven

in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*LSB 450 sts. 1, 4-5, 7*



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint-ing be,  
Mine eyes shall then be-hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

## Sermon

# "BEHOLD"



John 19:27

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Historic Trinity Pastor*

## Lenten Offertory

*LSB 432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son st. 1*

1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - licit and still;  
In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.  
Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,  
For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at  
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## Prayer of the Church

### 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.**

### Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

### Serving us in Worship

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