



THE SUFFERING SERVANT

ISAIAH 53

**Midweek Lent IV**  
**March 25, 2020 — online service at 7pm**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Isaiah is a large prophecy, spanning many different genres and topics. This prophecy is one of the chief sources the evangelists draw from in explaining who Jesus is. One of the large sections in which Christians have always seen their savior is the song of the Suffering Servant. As we meditate on our Lord's purpose for coming in Lent, we will turn our attention to this section, and study what the prophet tells us about the one who came to restore Israel, and to lead the remnant of God's people.

### **Midweek IV:**

This week the Suffering Servant song becomes even more intense. Thus far in our series, we have heard about all of the things that this servant was to endure. Today's passage marks the first time that this suffering servant must die. The Word of the Lord through Isaiah tells us that this death comes without justice, but at the same time it comes without any voice of opposition, complaint, or question whatsoever. Praise be to Jesus for willingly enduring all of this for us!

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# Midweek Lent IV

March 25, 2020

## HYMN: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## OPENING VERSICLES

Lector: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Lector: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Lector: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

Lector: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Lector: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**People: He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Lector: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Lector: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Lector: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's World and self-examination.*

Lector: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have  
not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal  
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on  
us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in  
Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His  
sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of  
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the  
name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

**People: Amen.**

## PSALM 44:9-22

Lector: But You have rejected us and disgraced us

**People: and have not gone out with our armies.**

Lector: You have made us turn back from the foe,

**People: and those who hate us have gotten spoil.**

Lector: You have made us like sheep for slaughter

**People: and have scattered us among the nations.**

Lector: You have sold Your people for a trifle,

**People: demanding no high price for them.**

Lector: You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,

**People: the derision and scorn of those around us.**

Lector: You have made us a byword among the nations,

**People: a laughingstock among the peoples.**

Lector: All day long my disgrace is before me,

**People: and shame has covered my face**

Lector: at the sound of the taunter and reviler,

**People: at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.**

Lector: All this has come upon us,

though we have not forgotten You,

**People: and we have not been false to Your covenant.**

Lector: Our heart has not turned back,

**People: nor have our steps departed from Your way;**

Lector: yet You have broken us in the place of jackals

**People: and covered us with the shadow of death.**

Lector: If we had forgotten the name of our God

**People: or spread out our hands to a foreign god,**

Lector: would not God discover this?

**People: For He knows the secrets of the heart.**

Lector: Yet for Your sake we are killed all the day long;

**People: we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.**

### **READING: Isaiah 53:7-9**

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapter.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **READING: Revelation 5:6-14** (The Lamb who was slain sitting on the throne)

Lector: The second reading is from Revelation, chapter five

<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each

holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**READING: Luke 23:6-16** (Jesus remains silent before Herod)

PLEASE STAND

Lector: The third reading according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. <sup>9</sup>So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. <sup>11</sup>And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. <sup>15</sup>Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore punish and release Him.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

Lector: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Lector: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Lector: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

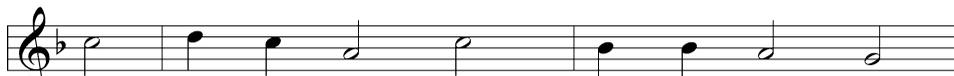
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## SERMON: "The Silent Lamb"

Is. 53:7-9

## HYMN: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world,<sup>Public domain</sup>  
and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us  
pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare  
of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to  
the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for  
all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and  
orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick and the dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to  
the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For ... [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] ... let us pray to the  
Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the  
Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lector: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning;  
and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children  
and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily  
acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits,  
and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

Lector: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our  
learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them  
to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may  
embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

Lector: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Almighty God and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

People: **Amen and Amen!**

## CLOSING HYMN: "My Song is Love Unknown"

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
That He His foes From thence 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!**

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## **SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES**

## **POSTLUDE**

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