



Lenten Midweek 2  
**“Beneath The Cross  
 A Cacophony of Sounds”**

*Today’s Service*

**“The Sounds of Insult” Matthew 27:39-40**

**Cacophony:** A harsh discordant sound, dissonance, harshness in the sound of words or phrases.

*Beneath the cross of Jesus there was  
 a variety of discordant sounds and harsh words  
 spoken against the very son of God.  
 But for the believer, that cacophony of sound  
 has become a symphony of praise,  
 exalting God for sending His Son to be our Savior.*

**HYMN . . . . “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” LBW-107**

**1) Beneath the cross of Jesus**

*I fain would take my stand*

**The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land;**

*A home within the wilderness,*

*A rest upon the way,*

*From the burning of the noon-tide heat,*

*And the burden of the day.*

**2) Upon that cross of Jesus**

*Mine eye at times can see*

*The very dying form of One*

*Who suffered there for me;*

*And from my smitten heart with tears*

*Two wonders I confess*

*The wonders of redeeming love*

*And my unworthiness.*

**3) I take, O cross, thy shadow**

*For my abiding place;*

*I ask no other sunshine*

*than the sunshine of His face;*

*Content to let the world go by,*

*To know no gain nor loss,*

*My sinful self my only shame,*

*My glory all the cross.*

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSORY**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips

**C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: Glory be to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Praise to You, O Christ.

**C: Lamb of our salvation!**

**THE PSALMODY . . . . . Psalm 109:21-31**

P: O Sovereign LORD, deal well with me for your name’s sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.

**C: For I am poor and needy, and my heart is**

**wounded within me.**

P: I fade away like an evening shadow; I am shaken off like a locust.

**C: My knees give way from fasting; my body is thin and gaunt.**

P: I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

**C: Help me, O LORD my God; save me in accordance with your love.**

P: Let them know that it is your hand, that you, O LORD, have done it.

**C: They may curse, but you will bless; when they attack they will be put to shame, but your servant will rejoice.**

P: My accusers will be clothed with disgrace and wrapped in shame as in a cloak.

**C: With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD; in the great throng I will praise him.**

P: For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him.

**C: 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.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Kneeling, let us pray to the LORD our God and confess.

**C: Dear Lord, though our lips may speak Your praise, in our hearts and in our actions we are numbered with those who have heaped insults upon You. Each time we knowingly disobey Your Word we have called You a fool. Even if we do not use Your name in vain, we are often silent when we hear Your name abused. Though we are glad you died for us we mistreat and insult others for whom You died. Worst of all, we have often used our knowledge of forgiveness as an excuse to sin more, insulting You and the great sacrifice You made on the cross. We are ashamed and sorry for these sins, and beg Your forgiveness.**

P: The Lord raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. Our God is merciful and forgiving, and as a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce His forgiveness unto all of you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Heavenly Father, as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus during these days of Lent, may we remember the great price that had to be paid for our sin. This was not just the death of a man, but the death of very Son of God. As we remember who Jesus is, may our understanding of your great love for us be deepened.

**C: Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st - James 3:1-13 Gospel ~ Matthew 27:39-40

P: *(After each)* Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp unto my feet.

**C: And a Light unto my path.**

## THE CREED . . . . . *2nd Comm. from the Small Catechism*

P: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

## HYMN . . . . . *"Stricken, Smitten" 451 vs. 1-3*

1) Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;

Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long-expected Prophet,

David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it:

'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2) Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him,  
None would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that justice gave.

3) Ye who think of sin but lightly  
Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

## SERMON . . . . . *"The Sounds of Insult"*

## THE CANTICLE . . . . . *"Lamb of God" 434 v. 3*

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

3) Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: *(Consecration)* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### The Distribution

## THE CLOSING CHARGE AND BLESSING

P: Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

**C: For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. (1 Pet 3:9-10 NIV)**

P: When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**C: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Pet 2:23-24 NIV)**

P: If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. (1 Pet 4:14 NIV) "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

**C: Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Mat 5:11-12 NIV)**

P: Go forth and use Your lips to sing his praise and tell of His grace. Go forth in His the power of His name, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN . . . . . *"How Sweet The Name" 524*

1) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.

2) It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
It's manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

3) Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

4) I praise in weakness from afar—  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

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