

By My Hand

For My Sake

A SERIES OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

Lent 2 • Judas

Order Of Service

We Gather At The Cross ... As Sinners Forgiven

(Responses from Lamentations 1 and 3, and Isaiah 53)

Hymn No. 437 (verse 1)

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,

And did my Sov'reign die?

Would he devote that sacred head

For sinners such as I?

Call to Worship

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Litany

L: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

C: **My transgressions are like a yoke about my neck, fastened by the hand of the Lord. They weigh so heavily upon me that my strength is gone.**

P: When we lift our hands in prayer to God in heaven, we should offer him our hearts and say, "We have sinned! We have rebelled against you!"

Hymn No. 437 (verse 2)

Was it for sins that I had done

He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown,

And love beyond degree!

P: Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the Lord in action?

C: **Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the Lord.**

P: He wasn't a handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us.

C: **He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering.**

P: No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

Hymn No. 437 (verse 3)

We may not know, we cannot tell,

What pains he had to bear,

But we believe it was for us

He hung and suffered there.

The Prayer Of The Day

P: Let us pray

O God, you clutch us in the palm of your hand, and you keep us there. You promise us that nothing can remove us from your hand, and that you love us as a Father loves his dear Son. Be with us today and keep us in that same love, so that we love others as You taught us to love, through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Hymn No. 437 (verse 4)

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,

O Joy of all the meek,

How kind you are to those who fall,

How good to those who seek!

Homily

Hymn No. 436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Old Testament Lesson ... Isaiah 24:17—25:1

Responsive Psalm ... from Psalm 55

L Hear me, God! Do not turn away!

C **Listen! Answer me! Grief cuts me to the core.**

L My heart quivers, stricken by death's terrors.

C **Fear has me in its grip, and I tremble.**

L I pray for wings like a dove to fly far, far away.

C **I would flee to the wilderness and build a nest there.**

L There I would rest from this tempest, God.

C **There, far from raging tongues.**

L It was my friends who turned on me, not some foe I could shrug off, but close friends.

C **We used to pray together.**

L But you have listened, God. You have heard my case.

C **You break their power over me, saving God. You give me peace.**

L Take my burden, God; save me from stumbling.

C I will trust in you always.

New Testament Lesson ... Romans 1:16-25

Monologue • Judas

Hymn “Our Savior Speaks in Grace”

Our Savior speaks in grace,

With words of mercy true:

“Forgive them, Father,” thus he prays;

“They know not what they do.”

“’Tis finished,” says the Lord.

The burden on him laid

Of sinful thought and deed and word—

The debt is fully paid.

Beneath the cross may I,

For whom all this was done,

Repentant and believing cry,

“This truly is God’s Son!”

The Prayers

For our sakes, O God, your Son emptied himself. Not regarding equality with you a thing to be grasped, he emptied himself, taking upon him the form of a servant, obedient even unto death. Lord in Your mercy...

For our sakes, his hands received the nails, pounded fast; his precious blood flowed from those riven hands—for us. Lord in Your mercy...

For his sake, we pray, fill our hands with his fullness. Loosen our grasp on the things of this world; free our wills from covetousness; and open our hands to the needs of the poor, the sick, the grieving, the dying, and those who find themselves in deep despair. Lord in Your mercy...

We need no more than what your Son has given us; we seek no more than what his love provides. For his sake, make us satisfied, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

CLOSING HYMN LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
With his holy, precious blood;

Peace in him for sinners found
Is the Gospel's joyful sound.

Only Jesus can impart,
Balm to heal the wounded heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Sending