

# REFLECTIONS ON REPENTANCE



**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!

We are happy you could worship with us this evening. Our prayer is that the songs and message from God's Word will fill you with love for our Savior, the One who first loved us.

**OPENING HYMN** God Loved the World So that He Gave – Hymn 391

## INVOCATION

Pastor:           The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
                          and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits—  
**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.**

You open Your hand  
**and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You for help  
**as I lift up my hands toward Your Most Holy Place.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;  
**You stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes; with Your right hand You save me.**

O most merciful God,  
**since You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, we pray, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY — READ RESPONSIVELY**

Psalm 116

*Pg 107*

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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.**

## **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me.  
**Amen.**

# Choir

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## THE PASSION HISTORY

Part Four

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

## HYMN

Renew Me, O Eternal Light – 471

## SERMON

Psalm 51:10-13

**“Renewed Through the Gospel”**

## PRAYER

### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

### CLOSING HYMN

The Head that Once Was Crowned – 217

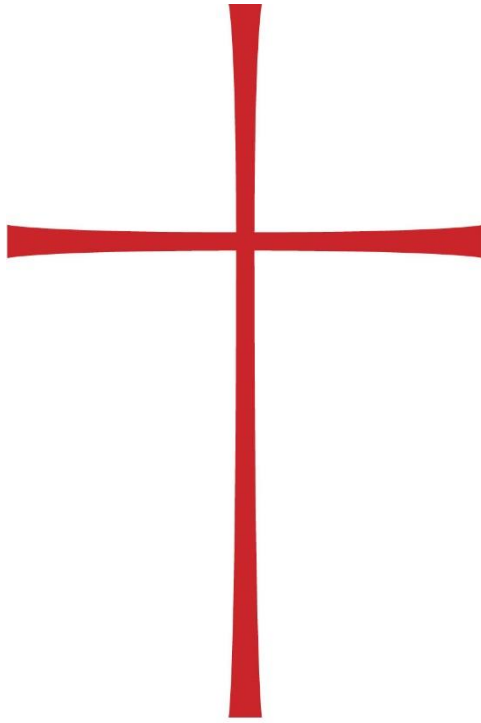
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RESTORE  
us through your son

## Without His Cross

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Without His tears, there is no comfort.  
Without His death there is no life.  
Without His blood there is no pardon.  
Without His cross there is no crown.  
Without His shame there is no glory.  
Without His grief there is no joy.  
Without His stripes there is no healing.  
Without His cross there is no crown.  
Lamb of God, you bring salvation,  
And with your grace our hearts are sealed.  
Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows.  
In your eyes we stand revealed.



Happy are those whose  
transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin  
is covered.

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PSALM 32:1, NRSV