

LENT EVENING BULLETIN, April 6, 2022
Pontius Pilate

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

GREETING

All who are able, stand

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.

**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.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

PSALM 26

P: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

P: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

C: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

P: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,

P: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

C: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

P: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Lamb without stain, image of the Father's glory: Give us the strength to avoid sin and be faithful to you always. Lead us to the place where God dwells in his glory, that we may praise him with joy among his saints now and forever. **C: Amen**

All sit

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 11:17-21

¹⁷“Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ ¹⁸And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²¹But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.”

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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GOSPEL: John 19:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the nineteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” ⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” ¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

All sit

SERMON

All who are able, stand

HYMN: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LBW 511

(Green book)

**Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from your holy face.**

**Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity,
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what you will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love And seek those things which are above,
Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.**

LENT RESPONSORY

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Lord Jesus, though ruthless Pontius Pilate declared Your innocence before the crowds, You who knew no sin became sin for us. Grant that the shame You bore for us on the cross give us the greatest honor so that we might always see that only in suffering can we behold who You truly are, our glorious King and Savior; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

C: Amen

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