



Murderous Eyes

Lenten Midweek 4

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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

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Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him and we gather in silent prayer. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ✝ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ✝ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ✝ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ✝ **After** the service, speak to one another

This Week's Overview

MURDEROUS EYES

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we take a look at the chief priests and scribes, who saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by violence. Yet, during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb. How, then, should we view those who oppose the Gospel in our day? And how might these insights guide our prayers?

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ OPENING VERSICLES

A *This is the day which the Lord has made;*
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

A *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

A *Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,*
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

A *Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,*
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

A *Christ was wounded for our transgressions.*
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

A *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C **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.**

❖ **PSALMODY** *Psalm 141*



C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in-cline to an-y e-vil thing;

let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in

the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

❖ COLLECT OF THE DAY

A *Lord Jesus Christ, we often have gazed with murderous hatred upon our fellow man. Look upon us with favor, forgive all our sins, and replace all hatred in our hearts with love for You and our neighbor; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

READING

Job 24:13-17

“There are those who rebel against the light,
who are not acquainted with its ways,
and do not stay in its paths.

The murderer rises before it is light,
that he may kill the poor and needy,
and in the night he is like a thief.

The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight,
saying, ‘No eye will see me’;
and he veils his face.

In the dark they dig through houses;
by day they shut themselves up;
they do not know the light.

For deep darkness is morning to all of them;
for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.

R *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

1 John 3:11-15

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

R *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Mark 14:1-2, 53-56

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.

R *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **LSB**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

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Trinity Lutheran Church
40 W Nicholai St.
Hicksville, NY 11801

❖ OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** O Lord, hear my prayer
- C** And let my cry come to You.

❖ LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

A I give thanks to You, heavenly Father,
C through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into Your hands I commend myself; my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let Your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

❖ HYMN

“Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord”

LSB 777

Grant peace, we pray, in mer - cy, Lord; Peace
in our time, O send us! For there is
none on earth but You, None oth - er
to de - fend us. You on - ly,
Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

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❖ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

❖ BLESSING

P *Let us bless the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

P *The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

C **Amen.**



As we go our separate ways, know that we are always united together in Jesus. Continue to lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that we remain in good health, that we are able to serve our neighbor at every opportunity and that the Lord would draw new believers to His Church.