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MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP IV MARCH 15, 2023

Chronicles of the King—Cleaning House: Joash

As We Gather

Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Today we continue our Lenten midweek series exploring how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings, who sits upon the throne of David, His father, forever. Each of the kings in Chronicles points us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises which the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. Today we consider Joash—after a terrible period of death and apostasy. This boy was crowned king and through his uncle, the priest Jehoiada, the temple was restored and the people renewed in the faith. As long as the heart of the king was in the ways of the Lord, the kingdom prospered, but Joash fell away and the people of God suffered. We need a better king—one who will restore God's people through forgiveness and give access to His grace forever.

ORGAN RECITAL

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546

J.S. Bach

Allegretto from Symphony 4 (Op. 65)

Felix Mendelssohn

Improvised Partita on LOVE UNKNOWN

Matthew Gerhardt, Organ

Matthew Gerhardt serves as Kantor (music director) at St. Paul's Lutheran in Des Peres, Missouri. Previously, Matt was Assistant Organist and Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in the organ studio of Dr. Janette Fishell. During his time at IU, he studied improvisation with Bruce Neswick and Robert Nichols. Matt received his Bachelor's degree in Parish (Sacred) Music from Concordia University, Wisconsin, where he studied organ with Dr. John Behnke. Following his time at Concordia, Matt spent a year enrolled as a guest student at the Hochschule für Kirchenmusik in Herford, Germany. In Germany he studied organ and improvisation with Stefan Kagl and received the top score of 1,0 (excellent) on the MA-level organ performance exam.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

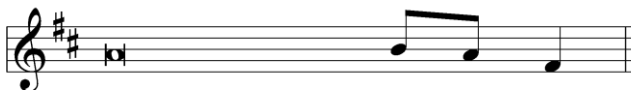
C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

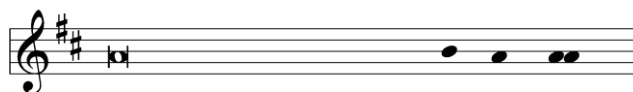
*Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

*Psalm

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 1

P I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

P Our feet have been standing

C Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

P Jerusalem—built as a city

C That is bound firmly together,

- P** To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
C To give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- P** There thrones for judgment were set,
C The thrones of the house of David.
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C “May they be secure who love you!
- P** Peace be within your walls
C And security within your towers!”
- P** For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”
C For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.
- P** I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Hymn

LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-uge of the

tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in-
 great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
 sult-ing His dis-tress; Man-y hands were raised to
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners

Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in-ter-vene to save; But the
 point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the
 wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

First Reading

2 Chronicles 24:1–4, 17–25

¹Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. ²And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. ³Jehoiada got for him two wives, and he had sons and daughters.

⁴After this Joash decided to restore the house of the LORD.

¹⁷Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. ¹⁹Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.

²⁰Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'" ²¹But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. ²²Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, "May the LORD see and avenge!"

²³At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. ²⁴Though the army of the Syrians had come with few men, the LORD delivered into their hand a very great army, because Judah had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

²⁵When they had departed from him, leaving him severely wounded, his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:19–25

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Third Reading**

John 2:13–22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Responsory For Lent**

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.

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.

***Apostles’ Creed**

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

LSB 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Sermon

"An Unbroken Promise"

(2 Chronicles 24:1–4, 17–25)

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate

Voluntary

*Kyrle



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

*Prayers

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

*Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for-get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-against my God.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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