

Jesus Cares for His Mother

John 19:25-27

People around the Cross

The soldiers: c_____ and stand guard

They divide his clothes, especially the chiton (:23)

Jesus' mother, Mary: probably in a _____

Her precious son is brutalized and put to death

Other women: also near the cross

They took c_____ of Jesus' needs over the years

John: the disciple whom Jesus loved

He was one of Jesus closest f_____

Mary to John

Jesus' mother needs to be cared for

It is Jesus' responsibility as the oldest s____

Joseph and Jesus' brothers are not present

Jesus entrusts Mary to John

John takes Mary as his o_____

Jesus for Us

Why is this incident in the Bible?

1. Jesus sets an e_____
2. Jesus takes away our g_____
3. Jesus was o_____ for us
4. Jesus e_____ us to be caring

The Ascension of Our Lord

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Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is one who, knowing firsthand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Eph. 1:10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 93

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The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.**

Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

*Song: "Behold Our God"

**1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?**

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

**2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?**

***Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?***

Chorus

***Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King! Nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!***

**3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?**

God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth! (Repeat)

The Institution

...Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements: "Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord" LUYH 844
"There Is a Redeemer" LUYH 833

Psalm 103

**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

We Offer our Gifts

Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members
who have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "Take Us As We Are, O God"

LUYH 862

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

LUYH 608

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. John Gorter ♦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra, Joya Breems ♦ Guitar: Rob Haan ♦ Bass: Emilyn Smit ♦ Drums: Caleb Smit ♦ Vocalists: Ryan & Amie Smit ♦ Worship Leader: Bob DeSmith
Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Projection: Mark Horstman ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Celebrate Communion

At Covenant, we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning we will come forward to receive the elements.

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

We bring bread; **you give your body.**

We bring wine; **you give your blood.**

We bring our offerings; **yours is the sacrifice.**

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Trinitarian Invocation

Is the Father with us? **The Father is with us!**

Is Christ among us? **Christ is among us!**

Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is here!**

This is our God: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are God's people. **We are redeemed.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Song: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LUYH 219:1,5

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LUYH 223:1,5

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Lectionary Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (based on I John 2:1-2)

Hear the good news of the gospel:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Song: "Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682:1,3

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "He Is Lord"

LUYH 227:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: John 19:17-27

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Sermon: "Jesus Cares for His Mother"

Rev. John Gorter

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

LUYH 825