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Prayer of the Day:  
Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD  
First Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
  
Psalm 22  
  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16–25

Gospel Acclamation:  
Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: John 18:1–19:42  
  
Reflection – Pastor Melissa Brooks

The news is chock full of “worst case scenarios” right now, as the world prepares for

this pandemic we’re facing to get worse before it gets better. I don’t usually watch the news, but lately I feel like I just can’t look away, and it all ends up making me feel rather anxious.

Today, we truly hear a description of the ultimate worst-case scenario. God came in the flesh. He reached out to the world in love and held up the vision of a humanity reconciled with God and one another. And in response, we used the powers of government and religion to have him arrested, mocked, tortured, and killed.

But there is good news. The ultimate act of sin and destruction has happened already, over 2000 years ago on a scrubby hill behind Jerusalem. Nothing could get worse than that. And Christ followed that worst case scenario to its conclusion. He didn’t reclaim his almighty power right at the end and rain down vengeance. He didn’t choose to disappear when the mob came to arrest him in the garden. Instead, he loved us. He loved us with the love of a creator and a brother, and he revealed the depths of God’s glory in his willingness to go there with us - to the worst that could happen - and to take us and our world beyond it into new life.

Yes, our world is still full of dark, sad, scary, difficult things. But at the cross Jesus has shown us that our God meets us in those things with unending love and eternal life. May we be strengthened by God’s grace to meet even worst-case-scenarios filled with the hope and peace that comes from kneeling before our saviour at the cross. Amen.

Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Bidding Prayer:

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.  
  
Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it

throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for Susan Johnson and Sidney Haugen our bishops, for Melissa Brooks our pastor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.  
  
Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
  
Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.  
  
Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
*Silent Prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.  
*Silent Prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for God's creation.  
*Silent Prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.  
*Silent Prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so

that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those in need.  
*Silent Prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQqtwRVecD0>

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