



*When Jesus saw Mary weeping, a deep anger  
welled up within Him, and Jesus wept.*

*John 11:33, 35*

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### OUR WORSHIP

*Jesus Comforts Mary*

**SERVICE THEME** In today's Gospel Reading, we see two important truths. First, when Mary and the Jews are grieving deeply, Jesus feels their grief and shares their tears. Secondly, there is a word that most English versions translate as *deeply moved* or *greatly troubled* though it actually means *to snort* or *bellow with anger*, and it most often used for animals in their response to a threat or an attack. So, the question naturally arises, who or what is Jesus angry with?

**+ We Come Into God's Presence +**

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O LORD, open my lips.

**People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**People: Make haste to help me, O LORD.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; for we have been Baptized into their powerful and Life-giving Name.

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us sing to the LORD:

**PSALM 95** *LSB pp. 220-221* "O Come, Let Us Sing"

O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

+ God's Life-Giving Presence Comes to Us +

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING** Psalm 6:2-4, 6-10

Pastor: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am hurting;

**People: heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**

Pastor: My soul is greatly troubled.

**People: O LORD – how long?**

Pastor: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;

**People: save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.**

Pastor: I am weary with my moaning;

**People: every night I flood my bed with tears;**

**I drench my couch with my weeping.**

Pastor: My eye wastes away because of grief;

**People: I grow weak because of my soul's foes.**

Pastor: Depart from me, all you workers of evil,

**People: for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**

Pastor: The LORD has heard my plea;

**People: the Lord accepts my prayer.**

Pastor: All the enemies of my soul shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;

**People: they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Zephaniah 3:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

Pastor: O LORD, have mercy on us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: O LORD, have mercy on us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** John 11:32-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the eleventh chapter.

<sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, a deep anger welled up within Him!<sup>34</sup> And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, the anger again welling up with in Him, came to the tomb.

Pastor: O LORD, have mercy on us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Upset"

**MESSAGE HYMN** *LSB 475, vv. 1, 3-4*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**MESSAGE** “Jesus’ Tears and His Temper”

Introduction

Jesus wept.

A deep anger welled up within Him.

Jesus Tears

Jesus feels our pain, our grief; He understands.

More than that, He takes the pain we deserved on Himself.

Jesus Temper

The Greek word means the snorting/growling of an animal.

Jesus is mad at death, that is, what death does to us.

Conclusion

We need both.

**+ We Respond to God's Life-Giving Presence +**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAISE & OUR GIFTS** *LSB 785* – “We Praise You, O God”

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before You,  
We kneel and adore You,  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been;  
When perils o'ertake us,  
You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us.  
Your strong arm will guide us,  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, T  
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!**

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Pastor: Father, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with You mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen!**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The grace + of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God our Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us always.

**People: Amen!**

## **CLOSING SONG** *LSB 818* "In Thee is Gladness"

**In Thee is gladness, Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;  
He stands forever; Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**Since He is ours, We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever; Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**