

# THE PASSION OF JESUS

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### The Arrest of Jesus

Lenten Vespers

Midweek 1

February 21, 2024 7:00pm

## A Prayer before Worship

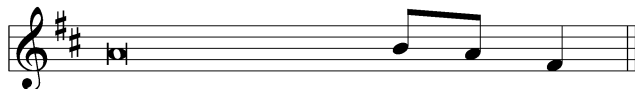
*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**Prelude:** O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”), K. Hildebrand

*Stand*

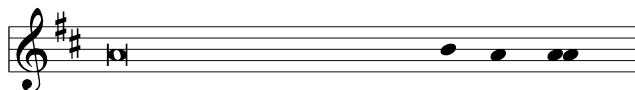


**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*



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



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*



**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 32:1–5, 10*



- P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.
- <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.
- C** <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.
- P** <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the  
iniquity | of my sin.
- <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Sit*

**BLESSED** *is the one*  
whose transgression  
is **forgiven,**  
*whose sin is covered.*

# Office Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

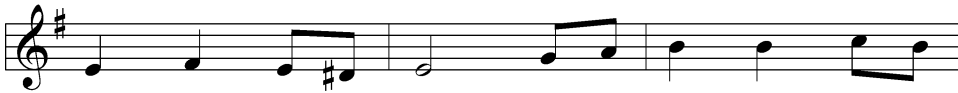
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here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

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**The First Reading** *Isaiah 52:13—53:6*

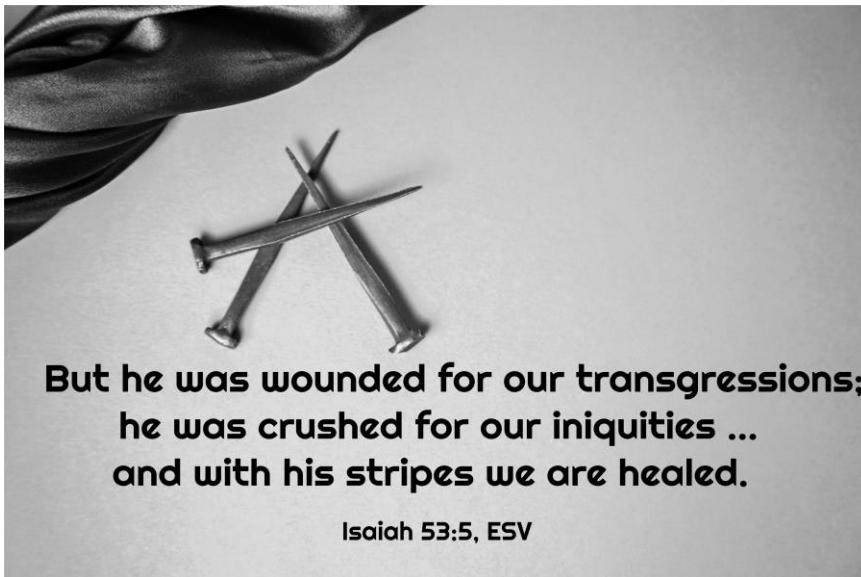
<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## The Holy Gospel *John 18:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup>They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8*



**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst 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.

#### The Small Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer – Introduction and First Petition*

- L** As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household:  
“Our Father who art in heaven.” What does this mean?
- C** With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.
- L** “Hallowed be Thy name.” What does this mean?
- C** God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.
- L** How is God's name kept holy?
- C** God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!



# Sermon Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

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1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



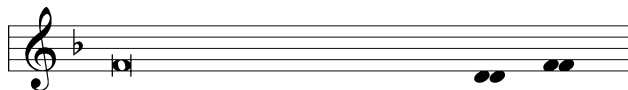
griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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*Sit*

## Sermon Rev. Stephen Schumacher

*Stand*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm 141:2



# Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



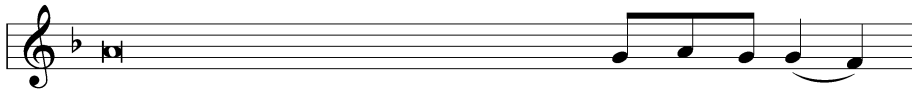
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

*(The Magnificat concludes on the next page.)*

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy  
as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev - er.  
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.

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### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

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

### Lord's Prayer: Our Father Who Art in Heaven LSB 957

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly

bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give  
 those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in -  
 to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
 For Thine is the king-dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
 ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

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### Collects

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with your spir - it.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

### Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.



## Closing Hymn: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

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1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



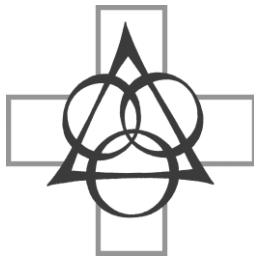
King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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**Postlude:** TALLIS' CANON ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"), J. Eifert



## A Prayer after Worship

*Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## Those Serving You Today

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephen Schumacher

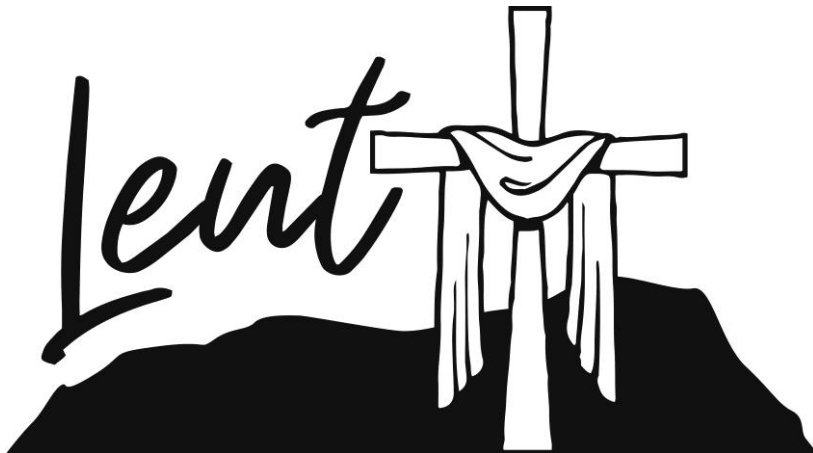
**Organist:** Tom Mueller

**Live Stream Tech:** James Blasius

**Acolyte:** Gabe Koenig

**Ushers:** Chris Koenig, volunteer needed

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Hey! What happened to the “a” word?

There’s one word we often use in the Church that isn’t used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed “alleluia,” then you are right. We stop singing and saying “alleluia” during Lent and won’t speak it again until Easter morning.

## What does “alleluia” mean and why don’t we say it during Lent?

“Alleluia” is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



### Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where “alleluia” has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the “a” word.





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