

THE PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN



Peter's Denial

Lenten Vespers

Midweek 2

February 28, 2024 7:00pm

A Prayer before Worship

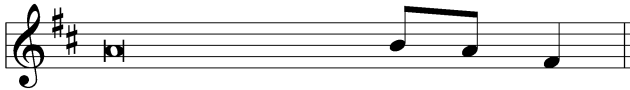
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His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

Prelude: WINDHAM (“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”), C. Schalk

Stand

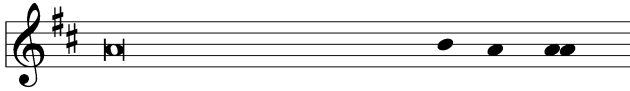


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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 38:1-4, 15-16, 21-22*



P ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!

²For your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and your hand has come | down on me.

C ³There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig- | nation;*
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.

⁴For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head,*
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.

P ¹⁵But for you, O LORD, | do I wait;*
it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.

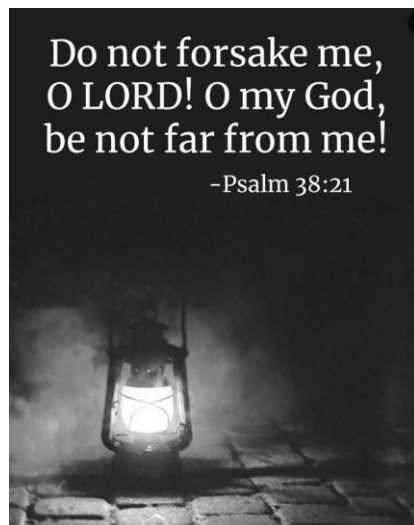
¹⁶For I said, “Only let them not rejoice | over me,*
who boast against me when my | foot slips!”

C ²¹Do not forsake me, | O LORD!*
O my God, be not | far from me!

²²Make haste to | help me,*
O Lord, my sal- | vation!

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



Office Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429 sts. 1, 2, 4, 6



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the
6 To Christ, who won for sin - ners grace By bit - ter



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror
grief and an - guish sore, Be praise from all the



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;
ran - somed race For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

Tune: attr. Daniel Read, 1757–1836 Text and tune: Public domain

The First Reading *Isaiah 53:7–9*

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

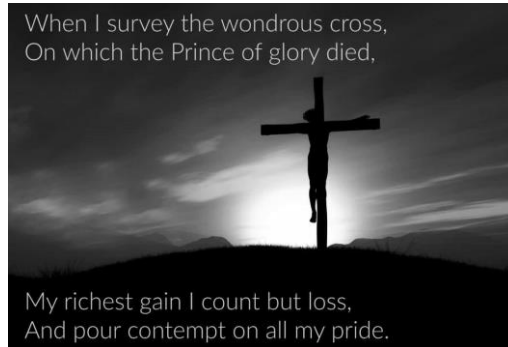
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, J. Blersch (*Text: LSB 543*)



Stand

The Holy Gospel *John 18:12–27*

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. ¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Small Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer – Second and Third Petitions*

- L** As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household:
“Thy kingdom come.” What does this mean?
- C** **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**
- L** How does God's kingdom come?
- C** **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**
- L** “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” What does this mean?
- C** **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**
- L** How is God's will done?
- C** **God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**



Sermon Hymn: From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713 sts. 1-3, 6



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 6 Yet e - ven though I suf - fer The world's un - pleas - ant - ness,



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 And though the days grow rough - er And bring me great dis - tress,



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 That day of bliss di - vine, Which knows no end or mea - sure,



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 And Christ, who is my plea - sure, For - ev - er shall be mine.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532-98; (sts. 1-2, 6): tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006
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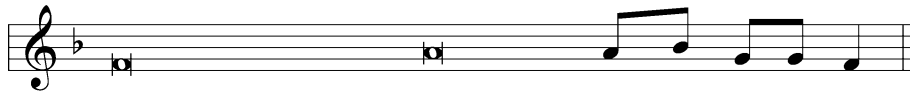
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Sermon Rev. Emmett Bartens

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



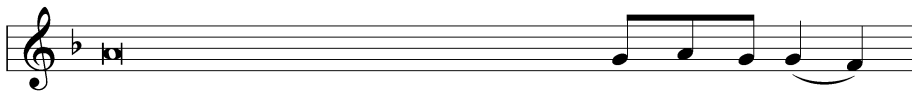
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



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.)

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.

C 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 A - men.

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 A - men.

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: Christ, Mighty Savior

LSB 881

Stanzas 1 and 3 sung by Choir only



(Choir) 1 Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting,
(Choir) 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4 Give heed, we pray You, to our sup - pli - ca - tion,
5 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,



You make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light
Mir - ror of day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion;
Joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise You,
That You may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
For - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



And to the night give glit - ter - ing a -
While in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap -
With all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and
Strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing
In light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our



dorn - ment, Stars in the heav - ens.
pear - ing Hal - low the night - fall.
voic - es Sing - ing Your glo - ry.
bod - ies, Sooth - ing the wea - ry.
Sav - ior Now and for - ev - er.

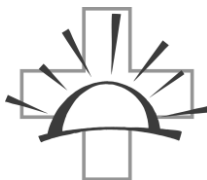
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Postlude: INNISFREE FARM (“Christ, Mighty Savior”), J. Kohrs



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. Emmett Bartens

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

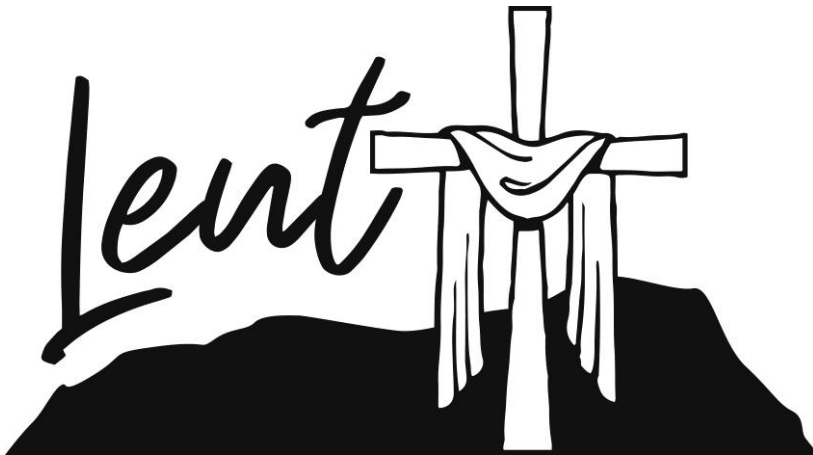
Musical Ensemble: Schola Cantorum

Live Stream Tech: James Blasius

Acolyte: Henry Daskas

Ushers: Frank Arford, Paul Reimer

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is “Lent”?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!





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