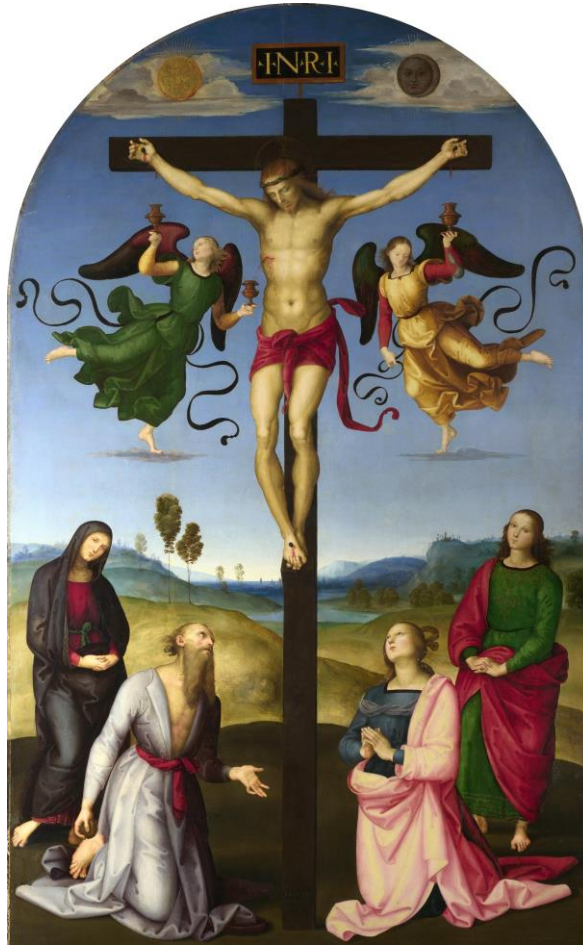


# THE PASSION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN



## The Crucifixion of Jesus

Lenten Vespers

Midweek 4

March 13, 2024 7:00pm

## A Prayer before Worship

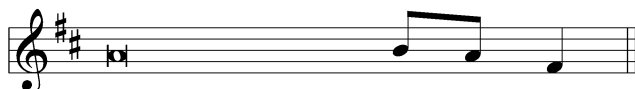
*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His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

**Prelude:** SOUTHWELL (“O Perfect Life of Love”), T. Stults

*Stand*

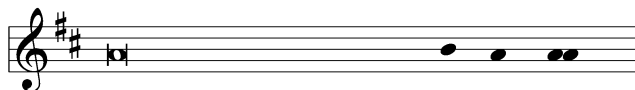


**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**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 Fa - ther 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 130*



**P** <sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths\*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, | hear my voice!\*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

**C** <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But with you there is for- | giveness,\*

that you | may be feared.

**P** <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,\*

and in his | word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,\*

more than watchmen for the | morning.

**C** <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,\*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

<sup>8</sup>And he will redeem | Israel\*

from all his in- | iquities.

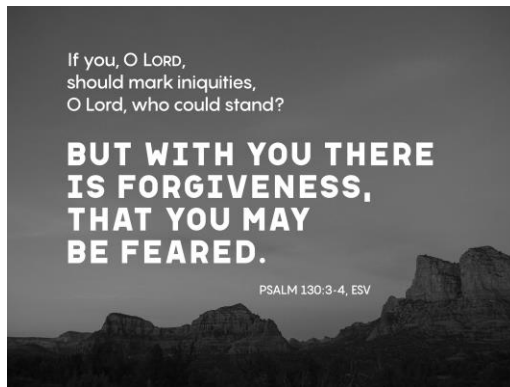
**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Sit*



## Office Hymn: O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452 sts. 1–4, 6



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul  
6 In ev - 'ry time of need, Be - fore the judg - ment throne,



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy mer - its, not mine own.

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## The First Reading *Psalms 22:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. <sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## The Holy Gospel *John 19:16b–30*

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**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.



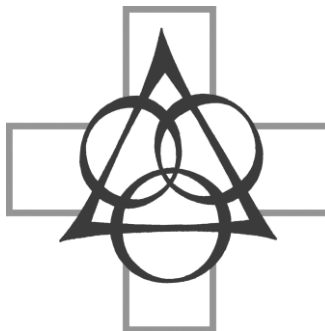
- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

## 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 – Sixth and Seventh Petitions*

**L** As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household:  
“And lead us not into temptation.” What does this mean?

**C** **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

**L** “But deliver us from evil.” What does this mean?

**C** **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

*Sit*



## Sermon Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

*Stanzas 1 and 3 sung by Choir only*

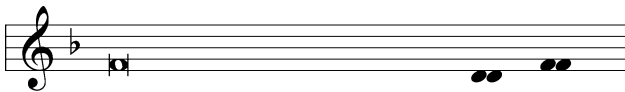
- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
(Choir) 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him, was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great  
(Choir) Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded, who on Him their hope have built.

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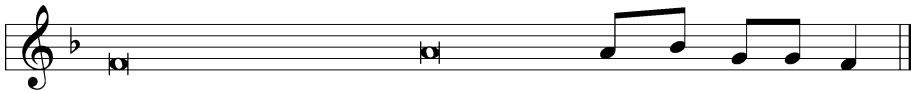
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**Sermon** *Rev. Emmett Bartens*

*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



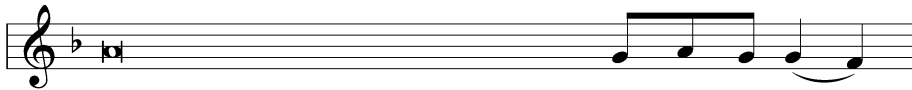
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



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.)*

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*

**C** 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*

**C** 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.

**G** 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: O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

LSB 882 sts. 1-4, 6



1 O Christ, who art the light and day,  
 2 All - ho - ly Lord, in hum - ble prayer  
 3 Our sleep be pure from sin - ful stain;  
 4 A - sleep though wea - ried eyes may be,



Thou driv - est night and gloom a - way;  
 We ask to - night Thy watch - ful care.  
 Let not the tempt - er van - tage gain  
 Still keep the heart a - wake to Thee;



O Light of Light, whose Word doth show  
 O grant us calm re - pose in Thee,  
 Or our un - guard - ed flesh sur - prise  
 Let Thy right hand out - stretched a - bove



The light of heav'n to us be - low.  
 A qui - et night, from per - ils free.  
 And make us guilt - y in Thine eyes.  
 Guard those who serve the Lord they love.

6 O Lord, remember us who bear  
 The burden of the flesh we wear;  
 Thou who dost e'er our souls defend,  
 Be with us even to the end. Amen.

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**Postlude:** ??? (“???”), ???

## 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

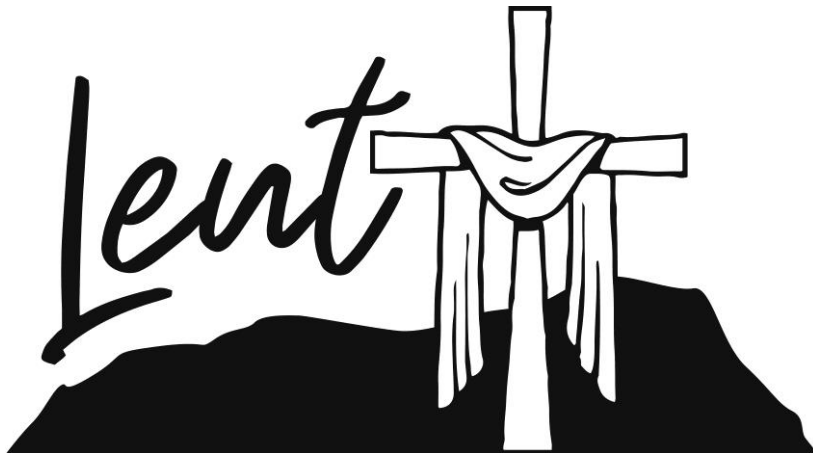
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**Live Stream Tech:** James Blasius

**Acolytes:** Anna Dugan, Elizabeth Dugan

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## Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



**Parents:** Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!





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