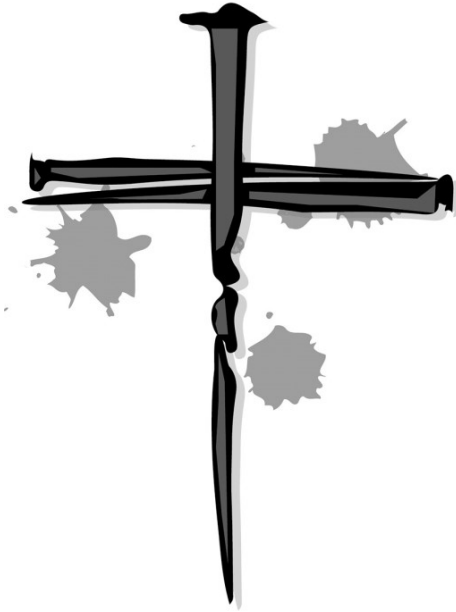


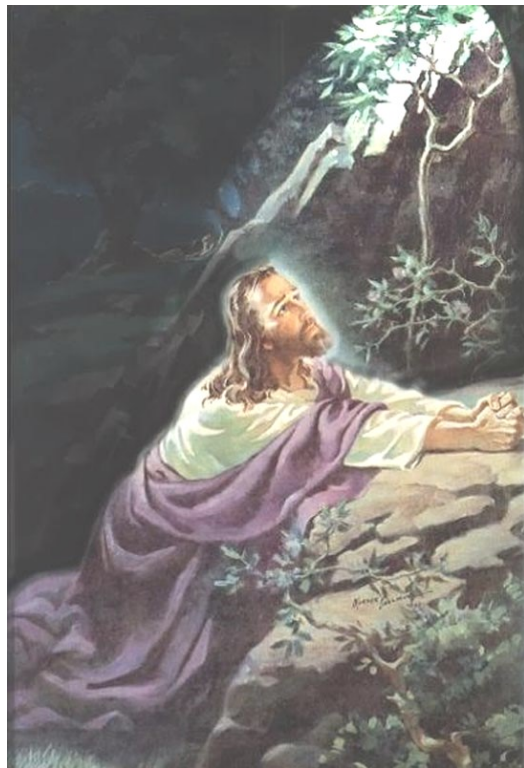
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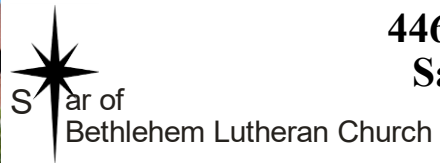
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Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN Vespers Lent Midweek 3

Evening Prayer

Vespers

OPENING HYMN: # 104 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

♪ **Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, pain, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.**

**Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

Please stand for last verse:

**Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.**



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



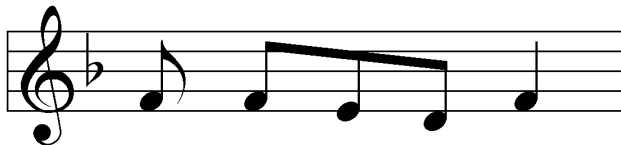
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated.



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in
time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and
forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM 40

M: I waited patiently for the LORD;

C: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

M: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD;

C: **may your love and your truth always protect me.**

M: For troubles without number surround me;

C: **my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.**

M: They are more than the hairs of my head,

C: **and my heart fails within me.**

M: Be pleased, O LORD, to save me;
C: O LORD, come quickly to help me.

M: You are my help and my deliverer;
C: O my God, do not delay.

M: I waited patiently for the LORD;
C: he turned to me and heard my cry.

M: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
C: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

M: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
C: who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

M: Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done.
C: were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

M: Lord God, our Help and our Deliverer, we thank you for lifting us out of the mud and mire, and for setting our feet upon the Rock, our Lord Jesus Christ, who carried out your will and rose to live and rule with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

LESSON TWO

Minister: While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

CONGREGATION: They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I, Lord?"

MEN: He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Minister: After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me."

WOMEN: The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

CONGREGATION: One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

MEN: So leaning back against Jesus' side, he asked, "Lord, who is it?"

Minister: Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish."

WOMEN: Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

MEN: So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly."

Minister: None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the Festival," or to give something to the poor.

WOMEN: As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

MEN: After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

CONGREGATION: While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

Minister: He said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

WOMEN: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

Minister: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

MEN: "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

CONGREGATION: "A new commandment I give you: Love one

another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

WOMEN: Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

CONGREGATION: Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

MEN: Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!”

Minister: Jesus replied, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

WOMEN: Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

Minister: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

MEN: Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.”

WOMEN: And all the disciples said the same.

Minister: He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

CONGREGATION: “Nothing,” they said.

Minister: Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

CONGREGATION: They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

MEN: He said to them, “That is enough.”

Minister: Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

WOMEN: After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it.

MEN: Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

Minister: When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

WOMEN: Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed.

Minister: He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

CONGREGATION: He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

MEN: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

WOMEN: When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

Minister: He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

MEN: He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

WOMEN: Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

CONGREGATION: He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

Minister: An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

MEN: As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently.

WOMEN: His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

Minister: Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”

HYMN # 472 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

♪ **Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o’ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.**

**Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.**

**Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control Nor God’s mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.**

**But while watching also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve him And forever love him.**

MESSAGE: Matthew 26:35-41

³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me.” ³⁹ He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Hymn: # 116 “In the Hour of Trial”

♪ **In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me
Lest by base denial I unworthy be.
When you see me waver, With a look recall,
Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.**

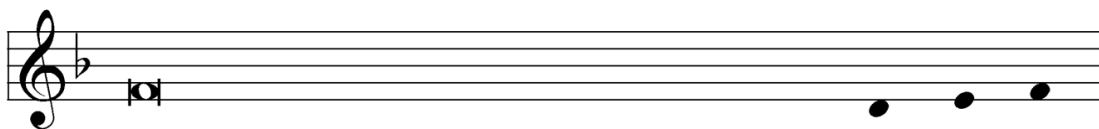
With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm
Or its tempting treasures Spread to work me harm,
Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.

Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,
Or should pain attend me On my path below,
Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.

When my life is ending, Though in grief or pain,
When my body changes Back to dust again,
On your truth relying, Through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me, dying, To eternal life.

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, 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.

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: # 589

♪ Now the day is over; Night is drawing nigh.
Shadows of the evening Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose;
With your tend'rest blessing May my eyelids close.

Comfort ev'ry suff'rer Watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil, From their sin restrain.

Through the long night watches May your angels spread
Their bright wings above me, Watching round my bed.

When the morning wakens, Then may I arise
Pure and fresh and sinless In your holy eyes.