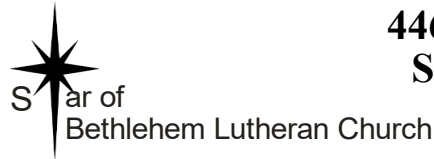


# LENT

## Midweek 3



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## Worship Service

*Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:00 p.m.*

**LENTEN Vespers      Lent Midweek 3**

## Evening Prayer      Vespers

**OPENING HYMN: # 400 “Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”**

♪ Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
which before the cross we spend,  
life and health and peace possessing  
from the sinner’s dying friend.

Here we rest in wonder, viewing all our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing from the sacrifice he made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven while upon the cross we gaze,  
see our trespasses forgiven, and our songs of triumph raise.

Oh, that, near the cross abiding, we may to the Savior cleave,  
naught with him our hearts dividing,  
all for him content to leave!

*Please stand for last verse:*

Lord, in loving contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on you  
till we taste your full salvation and your unveiled glory view.



**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.



**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 3

M: O LORD, how my foes are multiplying!

C: **Many are rising up against me!**

M: Many are saying about my life,

C: **“There is no salvation for him in God.”**

M: But you, O LORD, are a shield for me.

C: **You are my glory and the one who lifts up my head.**

M: With a loud voice I cry out to the LORD,

C: **and he answers me from his holy mountain.**

M: I lie down, and I sleep;

C: **I awake, because the LORD sustains me.**

M: I will not be afraid of the thousands of people

C: **who line up against me on all sides.**

M: Rise up, O LORD!

C: **Save me, my God!**

M: Salvation belongs to the LORD.

C: **Your blessing rests on your people.**

M: Be our shield, Lord, because the world around us is hostile to our faith. Whether we are awake or asleep, assure us that your angel armies surround us and that you are more powerful than any enemy who could confront us. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST LESSON TWO

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

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.”

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

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

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.

So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

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

So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.”

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

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.”

While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “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.

“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.”

“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.”

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

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

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

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.”

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

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

Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

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

“Nothing,” they said.

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.”

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

He said to them, “That is enough.”

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.”

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

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.”

Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed

with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

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

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.”

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

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

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

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: # 523 “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

**♪ How deep the Father’s love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns his face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart:  
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

**MESSAGE: Exodus 40:17-30,33-35**

**<sup>17</sup>And so in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, the Dwelling was raised. <sup>18</sup>Moses raised the Dwelling. He laid out its socket bases, set up its boards, inserted its crossbars, and raised its posts. <sup>19</sup>He spread the tent over the Dwelling and put the cover for the tent above it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**<sup>20</sup>He took the Testimony and put it into the ark. He set the poles in place on the ark and placed the atonement seat on top of the ark. <sup>21</sup>He brought the ark into the tent. He set up the special veil to screen the Ark of the Testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**<sup>22</sup>He put the table in the Tent of Meeting, on the north side of the tent, outside of the veil. <sup>23</sup>He set the bread in order on the table in the presence of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**<sup>24</sup>He put the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tent. <sup>25</sup>He lit the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**<sup>26</sup>He put the golden altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the veil. <sup>27</sup>He burned incense of fragrant spices on it, just as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>28</sup>He put up the screen for the entryway to the tent. <sup>29</sup>He set the altar of burnt offering at the door of the Dwelling, the Tent of Meeting, and offered the burnt offering and the grain offering on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**<sup>30</sup>He set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it, with which to wash.**

**<sup>33</sup>He erected the courtyard around the tent and the altar and set up the screen of the gate of the courtyard. So Moses completed the work.**

**<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Glory of the LORD filled the tent. <sup>35</sup>Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud stayed over it, and the Glory of the LORD filled the tent.**



**HYMN: # 425 “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 from Jesus Christ to pray.**

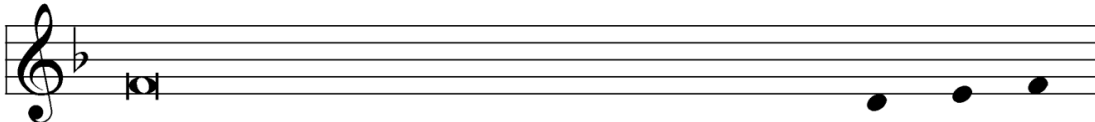
**Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall,  
oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, pain, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**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 from Jesus Christ to die.**

**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.**

**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.



### 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.**

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**





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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: # 786 "Now the Day Is Over"

♪ 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.

Thro' 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.