

# SECOND MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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**Jesus I Will Ponder Now:  
The Passion of Our Lord in Gethsemane**

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*Compline: Setting II*

Remain Seated

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of nine staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. There are also some decorative elements like a box around the letter 'G' in some instances. The lyrics are: "The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. A - men. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, G to sing praise to your name, O Most High, L to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, G your truth at the close of day. L Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom. G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom."

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HYMN

101 – Behold the Lamb of God



1 Be - hold the Lamb of God For guilt - y sin - ners  
2 Be - hold the Lamb of God! In - to the sa - cred  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God! All hail, in - car - nate  
4 Be - hold the Lamb of God! Wor - thy is he a -



slain; Let it not be in vain That you have died!  
flood Of your most pre - cious blood My soul I cast.  
Word! O ev - er - last - ing Lord, Purge out our leav'n.  
lone To sit up - on the throne Of God a - bove,



You for my Sav - ior let me take; My on - ly  
Wash me and make me pure and clean; Up - hold me  
Clothe us with god - li - ness and good; Feed us with  
One with the An - cient of all days, One with the



ref - uge let me make Your pierc - ed side.  
through life's chang - ing scene Till all is past.  
your ce - les - tial food, Man - na from heav'n.  
Com - fort - er in praise, All light, all love!

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, abr., alt.

Tune: ECCE AGNUS (66 64 884) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen unnd KirchenLieder*, Dresden, 1593, adapt.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**G** who made heaven and earth.

**L** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

**L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault;  
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**G The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all your sins.**

**L Amen.**

**G I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
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forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

**L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all your sins.**

**G Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **PSALM 91**

*Congregation sings the psalm together in its entirety.*

*Refrain*

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.

*Psalm Tone*

He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Al - / mighty.

I will say / of the LORD,  
“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in / whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you from the / fowler’s snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find / refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and / rampart.

### ***Refrain***

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at / midday.  
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at / your right hand,  
but it will not come / near you.

### ***Refrain***

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my / refuge—  
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come / near your tent.  
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot  
a- / gainst a stone.

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.

### ***Refrain***

*Silence for meditation*

**M** Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **PASSION HISTORY READING**

**LEADER:** The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples,

**MEN:** “You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

**LEADER:** Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.

**WOMEN:** They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him.

**CONGREGATION:** But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

**LEADER:** Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.<sup>1</sup>

**WOMEN:** On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him,

**MEN:** “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

**LEADER:** He sent two of his disciples and said, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

**WOMEN:** They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

**LEADER:** When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles.

**MEN:** He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”<sup>2</sup>

**CONGREGATION:** A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest.

**LEADER:** But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials.

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-17

I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”<sup>3</sup>

**WOMEN:** Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

**CONG:** Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>4</sup>

**MEN:** By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

**CONGREGATION:** Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.

**LEADER:** He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist.

**WOMEN:** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**MEN:** He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

**LEADER:** Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.”

**MEN:** Peter told him, “You will never, ever, wash my feet!”

**LEADER:** Jesus replied, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”

**MEN:** “Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

**CONGREGATION:** Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you<sup>5</sup> are clean, but not all of you.” Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

**WOMEN:** After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again.

**LEADER:** “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen,<sup>6</sup> I tell you: A servant is not greater

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<sup>3</sup> Luke 22:24-30

<sup>4</sup> Or to the fullest extent

<sup>5</sup> You is plural.

<sup>6</sup> Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*. Here it is emphasized by being used twice. See FAQ #1 at [wartburgproject.org/faqs/](http://wartburgproject.org/faqs/)

than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”<sup>7</sup>

**CONGREGATION:** He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”<sup>8</sup>

**LEADER:** 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.”<sup>9</sup>

**LEADER:** 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?”

**LEADER:** 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.”

**CONGREGATION:** 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.

**LEADER:** After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.<sup>10</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

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<sup>7</sup> John 13:1-17

<sup>8</sup> Luke 22:17-18

<sup>9</sup> Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21

<sup>10</sup> Or *Now the Son of Man was glorified, and God was glorified in him.* John 13:21-32

# HYMN

# 715 – What Grace Is This

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing.



1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -  
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in  
 6 What grace is this? How can it



King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
 God Would stoop to lift a cross of  
 all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
 ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and  
 cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -  
 be? He wears this raw hu - mil - i -



ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
 wood And walk a road of rock and  
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -  
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed  
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
 draw A rush of blood for  
 deed. He pays for all, for  
 cross And wrapped a - gain for  
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for

*Last time*



me.

# On the Way to Gethsemane

## RESPONSORY

*Please Stand*

**L** In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your  
 hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O  
 Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my  
 spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son (✠)  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your  
 hands I com - mend my spir - it.

*Be Seated*

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

### PRAYERS

*Please Stand*



**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord. **G** Lis-ten to my cry.



**L** Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. **G** Hide me



in the shad-ow of your wings. **L** In right-eous -



ness I shall see you. **G** When I a - wake, your



pres - ence will give me joy.

**L** Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**G** A - men.

**L** O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**G** A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER



**G** Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*Remain Standing*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

**L** Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, **G** and guard us sleep -  
ing; **L** that a-wake we may watch with Christ **G** and a -  
sleep we may rest in peace.

## SONG OF SIMEON

**G** In peace, Lord, in peace 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. In peace, in peace.

## BLESSING

**L** The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.  
**G** Amen. (*spoken*)



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,  
 5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
 And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,  
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
 Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.  
 Tune: EVENTIDE (10 10 10 10) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

# Jesus I Will Ponder Now...

## The Passion of Our Lord in Gethsemane



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# **Jesus I Will Ponder Now...**

## **The Passion of Our Lord in Gethsemane**

“Jesus I will ponder now on your holy passion” the hymn-writer Sigmund von Birken penned nearly 400 years ago. Each year during Lent the Church dedicates herself to the same discipline as von Birken; we ponder Jesus’ passion.

On Sundays during Lent the march of Jesus is to and through every challenge or enemy he faces. However, on Wednesdays during Lent the Church traditionally follows Jesus along the path of his suffering.

We don’t have walk far this year. We stand next to Jesus, during the deep suffering of his soul, as he pauses for a few hours in one of his favorite spots, the Garden of Gethsemane. Join us in our Lenten preparations each Wednesday for fellowship and worship. Fellowship meal begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and worship, led by area WELS pastors, begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

## **Jesus I Will Ponder Now**

- February 26 (Ash Wednesday)..... Sermon on the Mount
- March 3 ..... On the Way to Gethsemane
- March 10 ..... The Suffering of Jesus’ Soul
- March 17 ..... Jesus and Judas
- March 24 ..... Jesus Resists the Easy Way
- March 31 ..... On the Way out of Gethsemane