

# THIRD MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

March 11, 2020



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

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*Personal Prayers for worship can be found on  
pages 10 & 11 in the front of the hymnal*

## OPENING HYMN

## 104 – Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.  
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his  
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.  
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Stand



**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.

*Be Seated*

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU** (*Psalm 141*)



**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.

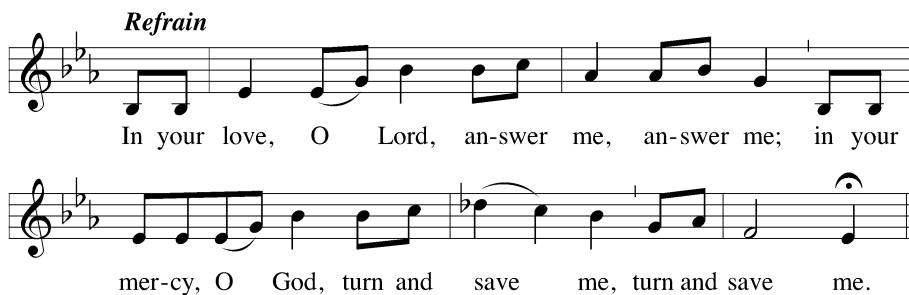
**C** Amen.

## PSALM

## Psalm 69

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*Refrain*



In your love, O Lord, an-swer me, an-swer me; in your  
mer-cy, O God, turn and save me, turn and save me.



## PASSION HISTORY READING

**LEADER:** 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.”

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

**LEADER:** “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament,<sup>1</sup> which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”<sup>2</sup>

**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!”

**LEADER:** 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.”

**LEADER:** 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.<sup>3</sup>

**LEADER:** 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.

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<sup>1</sup> As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15.

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38

**LEADER:** 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.’<sup>4</sup> 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.”<sup>5</sup>

**LEADER:** 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.’<sup>6</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”<sup>7</sup>

**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.<sup>8</sup>

**LEADER:** 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.

**LEADER:** 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.

**LEADER:** 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.”

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<sup>4</sup> Isaiah 53:12

<sup>5</sup> Luke 22:35-38

<sup>6</sup> Zechariah 13:7

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 26:31-32

<sup>8</sup> John 18:1-2; Matthew 26:30,36

**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.

**LEADER:** 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.

**LEADER:** 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!”<sup>9</sup>

**CONGREGATION:** While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived.

**WOMEN:** With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them.

**MEN:** Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who are you looking for?”

**CONGREGATION:** “Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied.

**LEADER:** “I am he,” Jesus told them.

**WOMEN:** Judas, the betrayer, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, “I am he,” they backed away and fell to the ground.

**LEADER:** Then Jesus asked them again, “Who are you looking for?”

**CONGREGATION:** “Jesus the Nazarene,” they said.

**MEN:** “I told you that I am he,” Jesus replied. “So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”

**WOMEN:** This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken: “I did not lose any of those you have given me.”

**CONGREGATION:** Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

**LEADER:** Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

**WOMEN:** Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, “Lord, should we strike with a sword?”

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<sup>9</sup> Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46



**MEN:** Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

**LEADER:** But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions<sup>10</sup> of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?"

**WOMEN:** Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

**CONGREGATION:** At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled."

**MEN:** Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.<sup>11</sup>

**LEADER:** The company of soldiers, their commander, and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, "It is better that one man die for the people."



## HYMN

## 120 – What Wondrous Love Is This

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<sup>10</sup> A Roman *legion* contained as many as six thousand soldiers.

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-54; John 18:1-14



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.  
 Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

**SERMON**

Matthew 26:36-46

*Pr. David Strucely (Atonement Lutheran Church, Plano)*

# The Suffering of Jesus' Soul

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY

*Stand*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

**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, 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

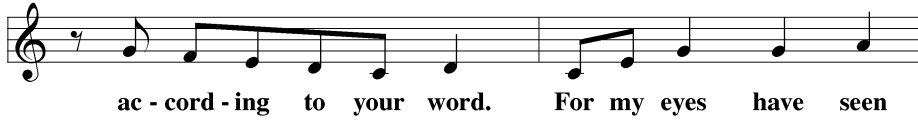
**M** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through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

**C** Amen.

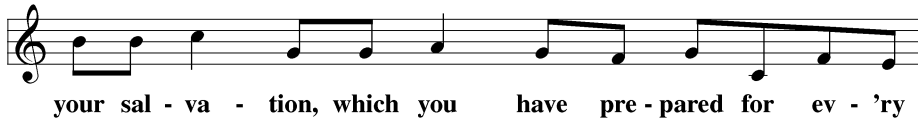
## SONG OF SIMEON



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.

## BLESSING



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.



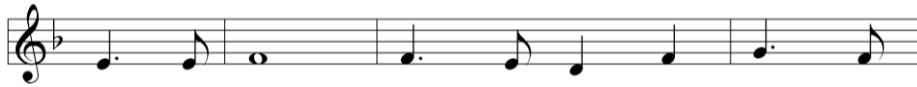
C: A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

590 – God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark -  
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To  
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And,  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All -



ness and light, You the day for work have  
 run life's way, May we still, what - e'er be -  
 when we die, May we in your might - y  
 ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly



giv - en, For rest the night. May your  
 fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
 keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
 giv - en— Blest Three in One, Grant us



an - gel host de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet  
 pow'r of e - vil hide us; In the nar -  
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord,  
 grace, we now im - plore you, Till we lay



your mer - cy send us, Ho - ly dreams and  
 row path - way guide us; Nev - er be your  
 do not for - sake us, But to reign in  
 our crowns be - fore you And in wor - thier



hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
 smile de - nied us, All through the day.  
 glo - ry take us With you on high.  
 strains a - dore you While a - ges run.

## Jesus I Will Ponder Now...

### The Passion of Our Lord in Gethsemane



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“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