

FOURTH 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

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** 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.

HYMN

112 – There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood— Im -
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies



man - u - el was slain— And sin - ners
 foun - tain in his day; And there have
 nev - er lose its pow'r Till all the
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing
 si - lent in the grave, Then in a



who are washed there - in Lose ev - 'ry
 I, as vile as he, Washed all my
 ran - somed Church of God Be saved and
 love has been my theme And shall be
 no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your



guilt - y stain, Lose ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
 sins a - way, Washed all my sins a - way.
 sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.
 till I die, And shall be till I die.
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800. abr., alt.
 Tune: COWPER (CM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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.

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G Amen.

Be Seated

PSALM

Psalm 111

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Refrain



The fear of the LORD is the be - gin - ning of
wisdom. The praise of our God en - dures for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

Great are your | works, O LORD, *
pondered by all who de | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, *
and your righteousness en | dures forever.

Refrain

The works of your hands are faithful | ness and justice; *
all of your pre | cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev | er and ever, *
because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove | nant forever; *
holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin | ning of wisdom; *
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise en | dures forever.

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. Amen.

C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY READING

LEADER: Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus.

CONGREGATION: But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in.

WOMEN: The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals because it was cold.

MEN: While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too.¹

LEADER: One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean."

CONGREGATION: But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him."

WOMEN: When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

MEN: Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man."

CONGREGATION: After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!"

MEN: Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!"

LEADER: At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.²

WOMEN: The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

CONGREGATION: Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said."

MEN: When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. "Is that how you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

LEADER: "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?"³

¹ John 18:12-18

² Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27

³ John 18:19-23

CONGREGATION: The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward.

MEN: Finally two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

WOMEN: Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

CONGREGATION: The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?”

LEADER: But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

MEN: Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

LEADER: Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?”

WOMEN: They answered, “He is deserving of death!”

CONGREGATION: Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophesy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

MEN: The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.⁴

LEADER: As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law.

CONGREGATION: They took him into the Sanhedrin and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”

MEN: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”⁵

CONGREGATION: They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

LEADER: He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

MEN: Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”

WOMEN: Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.

⁴ Matthew 26:59–68; Mark 14:53–65; Luke 22:65

⁵ Psalm 110:1

MEN: They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.⁶

LEADER: Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

CONGREGATION: But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

WOMEN: He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

LEADER: The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

MEN: They decided to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners.

WOMEN: So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

MEN: They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.⁷

LEADER: Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?”

WOMEN: They answered him, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

LEADER: Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

CONGREGATION: The Jews said, “It’s not legal for us to put anyone to death.” This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.⁸

MEN: They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

WOMEN: Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

LEADER: “It is as you say,” Jesus replied.⁹

CONGREGATION: The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

⁶ Luke 22:66-23:1; Mark 15:1; Matthew 27:2

⁷ Matthew 27:3-10; see Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9

⁸ John 18:28-32

⁹ Luke 23:2-3

MEN: Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

WOMEN: But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

CONGREGATION: Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

LEADER: Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

CONGREGATION: Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

LEADER: Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

MEN: “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

LEADER: Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

MEN: “What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

CONGREGATION: After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”¹⁰

WOMEN: But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

LEADER: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

WOMEN: When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him.

MEN: He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer.

CONGREGATION: The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him.

WOMEN: Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate.

LEADER: Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

¹⁰ Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-4; John 18:28-38



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

Jesus and Judas

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.

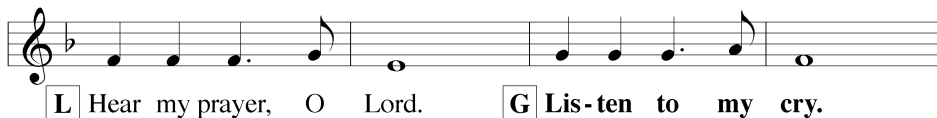
Be Seated

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.

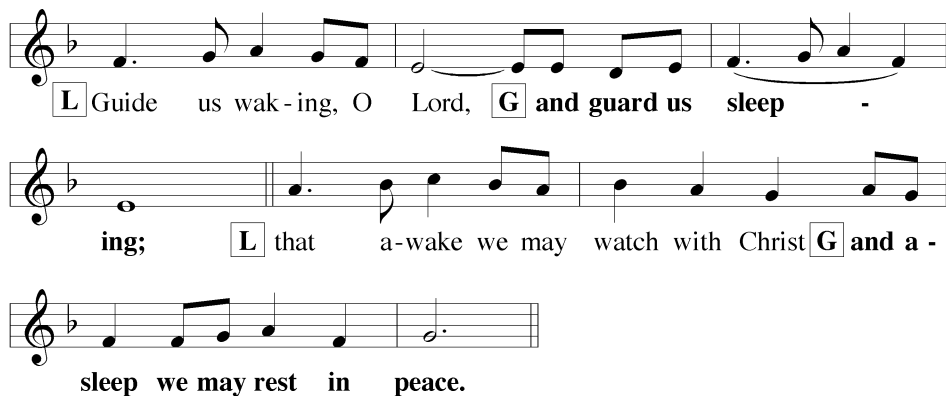
LORD'S PRAYER



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.

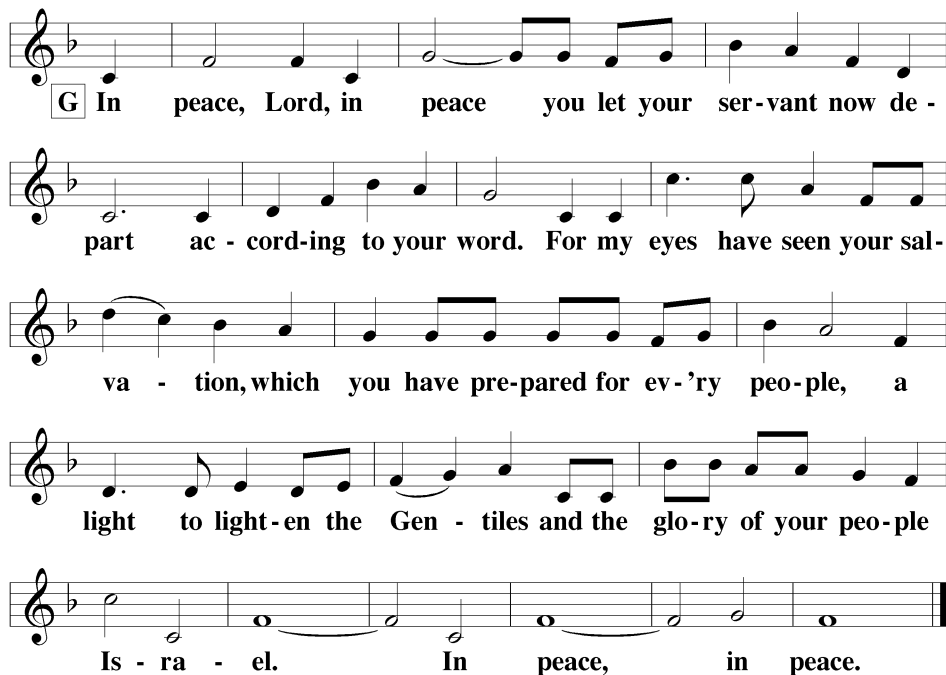
Remain Standing

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*)

EVENING HYMN

595 – Before the Ending of the Day



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day,
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight,
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done



Cre - a - tor of the world, we pray.
From all the ter - rors of the night,
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son,



Your grace and peace to us al - low
From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.



A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 6th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: JAM LUCIS (LM) Plainsong melody.

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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