

FIFTH MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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**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

127 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly, Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (87 87 D) *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850.

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.

PASSION HISTORY READING

LEADER: Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death. So I will have him flogged and release him.”¹

MEN: At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted.

CONGREGATION: At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas, who had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

LEADER: So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you? Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” For Pilate in fact knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

WOMEN: While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.”

MEN: But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death.

LEADER: The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

CONGREGATION: They all shouted together with one voice: “Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!”

LEADER: Pilate said to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews? What should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

CONGREGATION: They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

LEADER: But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

CONGREGATION: But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

MEN: Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify him!”

LEADER: He said to them the third time, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him.”

¹ Luke 23:13-16

WOMEN: But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.²

CONGREGATION: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.³

LEADER: The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort⁴ of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. They also kept hitting him in the face.⁵

MEN: Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

LEADER: So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

CONGREGATION: When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

MEN: Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

WOMEN: The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

LEADER: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?"

WOMEN: But Jesus gave him no answer.

MEN: So Pilate asked him, "Are you not talking to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?"

LEADER: Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

CONGREGATION: From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!"

LEADER: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. It was about the sixth hour⁶ on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king!"

² Matthew 27:15-23; Mark 15:6-14; Luke 23:17-23; John 18:39-40

³ John 19:1; Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15

⁴ A Roman *cohort* was about six hundred soldiers.

⁵ Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:17-25; John 19:2-3

⁶ The word *about* indicates an approximate time reference. Likely this was in the first part of the day, between 6 AM and 9 AM, using the time system of the Roman civil day, which began at 12 midnight. Mark 15:25 states that Jesus was crucified at 9 AM. John also seems to use Roman civil

CONGREGATION: They shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”

LEADER: Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?”

MEN: “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.⁷

CONGREGATION: When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he decided that what they demanded would be done.

MEN: He took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

CONGREGATION: And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

LEADER: Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

WOMEN: So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.⁸

LEADER: After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross.

MEN: As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

WOMEN: A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him.

LEADER: Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’⁹ For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”¹⁰



time to calculate the day in John 20:19 (because the evening is considered part of the *first day of the week*. Jewish time regarded sunset as the beginning of the next day).

⁷ John 19:4-15

⁸ Matthew 27:24-26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24; John 19:16

⁹ Hosea 10:8

¹⁰ Matthew 27:31-32; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:26-31; John 19:16-17

HYMN

124 – Savior, When in Dust to You



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, By your life of
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, By your ag - o -
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



hom - age due, When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By your days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; Oh, by all your
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, Oh, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, oh,
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fav - 'ring eye, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.

Tune: SPANISH CHANT (77 77 D) Spanish melody, 17th century, adapt.

Lord, Shall We Strike With The Sword?

1. The Heart of Peter
2. The Heart of Jesus

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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

593 – Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
 2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
 3 Let my near and dear ones be
 4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
 5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
 All that I've done wrong to - day.
 Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
 You once died that I might live.
 You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
 Make me ev - er more like you,
 Oh, bring me and all I love
 All your pre - cious gifts are free—
 Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
 Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
 To your hap - py home a - bove.
 Oh, how good you are to me!
 Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: MÜDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.



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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.

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- 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

ONE LIFE. ONE DEATH. ONE *Victorious* EMPTY TOMB.

Holy Week Schedule

“The Scepter of the King”

<u>Wednesday/Festival (Date)</u>	<u>Worship Theme</u>
Palm Sunday (April 4, 5) Saturday evening worship at 6:00 p.m. (with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper) Sunday morning worship at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. (with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper)	A King Whose Scepter is Humility
Maundy Thursday (April 9) Evening worship at 7:00 p.m. (with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper)	A King Whose Scepter is a Towel
Good Friday (April 10) Tenebrae worship at 7:00 p.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Cross
Easter Sunrise (April 11, 12) Saturday evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning worship at 6:30 p.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Trumpet
Easter Sunday (April 12) Easter Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Festival Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper) Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Hymn Sing at 10:00 a.m.	A King Whose Scepter is a Stone