

# SECOND MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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# GOD ON TRIAL

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Restraint

## ✘ Gathering ✘

### OPENING HYMN

515 – Christ is the World's Light



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;  
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;  
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
no one can serve him, and de - spise an - oth - er.  
sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
He who re - deemed us, reigns with God the  
give God the glo - ry, God with us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

Stand

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, **we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## PSALM

Psalm 71

*Refrain*



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

*Tone*



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;  
let me never be / put to shame.  
In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;  
turn your ear to me and / save me.  
Be my rock of / refuge,  
to which I can / always go.

*Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,  
and to this day I declare your / marv'rous deeds.  
Even when I am / old and gray,  
do not forsake / me, my God,  
till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,  
your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

**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*

## PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

**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.

**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.”

**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. 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.”

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

**CONGREGATION:** Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

**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 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, I tell you: A servant is not greater 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.”

**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.”

**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.”

**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. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”



HYMN OF THE DAY

397 – My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 who at my need his life did spend!  
 and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away.  
 A murderer they save,  
 the Prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he  
 to suff'ring goes  
 that he his foes  
 from death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine,  
 never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Luke 22:47-53

Pastor John Hering (Divine Peace Lutheran Ev. Church, Garland)

<sup>LUKE 22:47</sup> While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup> When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

## God on Trial - Restraint

*Sermon notes:*



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*Stand*

### PRAYER

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### BLESSING

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*Be seated*

# CLOSING HYMN

## 794 – Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,  
2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing  
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your  
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.  
jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.  
wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.  
night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be  
Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are  
Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not  
Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.  
fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.  
tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.



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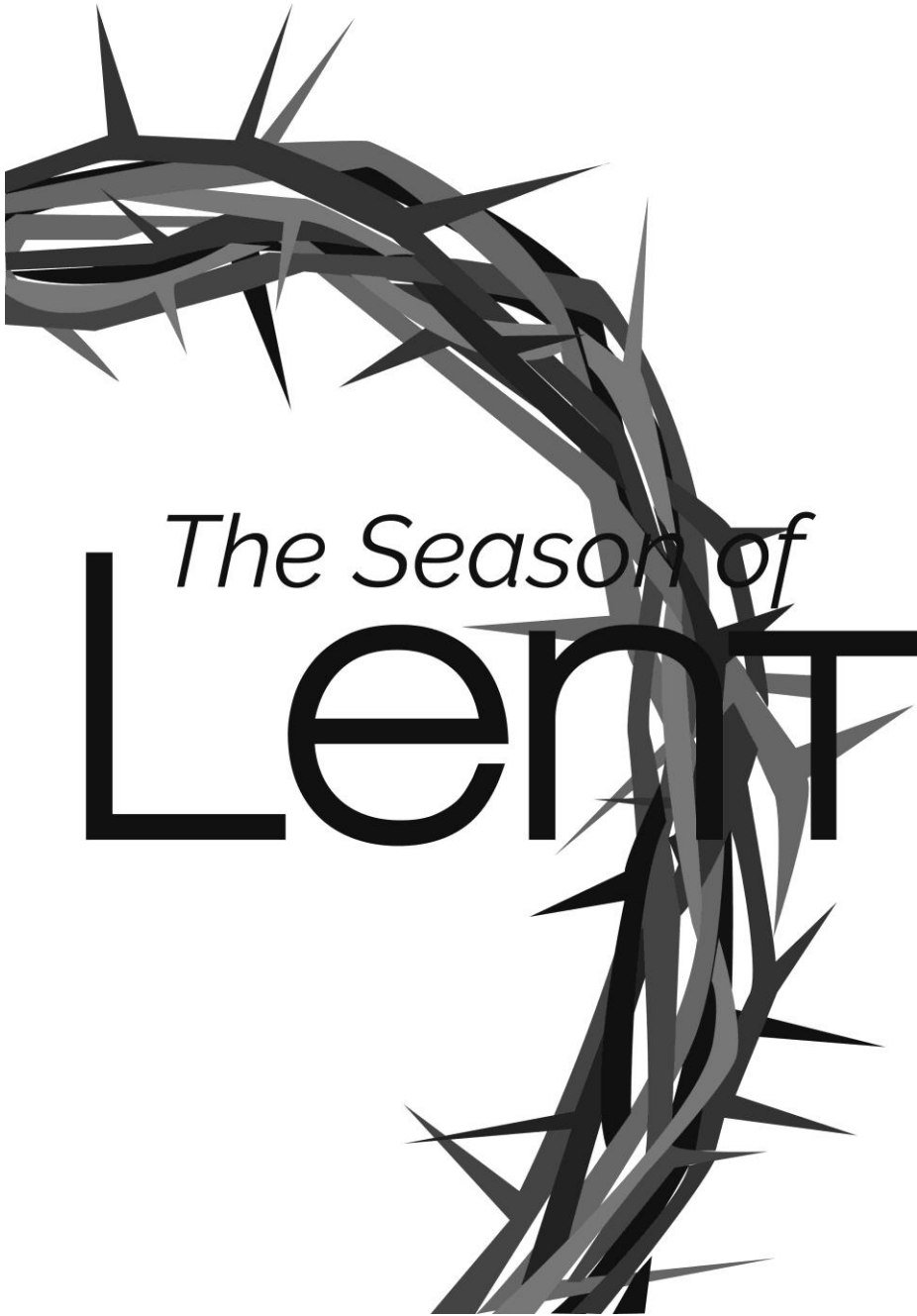
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