

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

**LED TO  
HIS ENEMIES**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

Lent #5 March 22, 2023

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** We are called to repentance and renewal as we continue the disciplines of Lent.

OPENING HYMN: *CW 102 (vs. 1-5)*

“Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains”

LENT

**102 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains**



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its  
2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the  
3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -  
4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue  
5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -  
world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase  
fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His  
guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,  
grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.  
our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.  
pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.  
dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.  
yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Text: Anne Steele, 1717–78.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✙}$  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his holy life and innocent death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray:**

**God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

#### **ABSOLUTION**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **LITANY PRAYER**

P: O God the Father, you are not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of the Truth.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O God the Son, you carried the sin of the whole world and laid down your life to draw all people to yourself.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O God the Holy Spirit, you make the hearts of the spiritually dead alive and transform rebellious people into your children.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: Most holy and triune God, we offer our praise for your mercy and grace which you pour out through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: We praise you, O Lord.**

P: For revealing yourself in the Book of Truth, for gathering nations to faith by that Word, for bringing our souls to believe and rejoice,

**C: We thank you, O Lord.**

P: For martyrs, reformers, and steadfast Christians who scorned personal danger to proclaim the gospel,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: Stir up our hearts with the joy of our salvation and increase our love and loyalty to you.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Constantly cleanse, reform, and protect your Church in this day of spreading error and confusion.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Bring your kingdom to all blood-bought souls who remain lost.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us; he is our mighty fortress. Let us exalt his holy name.

## PSALM 118

CW 108

### *Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

### *Psalm tone*

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The LORD is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### *Refrain*

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This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

*Psalm tone*

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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## PASSION HISTORY RESPONSIVE READING

### THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST LESSON FIVE

**Pastor:** 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.”<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> Luke 23:13-16

**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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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.”

**Women:** But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.<sup>2</sup>

**Congregation:** Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.<sup>3</sup>

Pastor: The governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

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

<sup>3</sup> John 19:1; Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15

<sup>4</sup> A Roman *cohort* was about six hundred soldiers.

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

**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.”

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: 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?”

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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 hour<sup>6</sup> on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your king!”

**Congregation:** They shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”

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

**Men:** “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.<sup>7</sup>

**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.”

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<sup>6</sup> 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 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).

<sup>7</sup> John 19:4-15

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

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

**Women: So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.<sup>8</sup>**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.’<sup>9</sup> For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Matthew 27:24-26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24; John 19:16

<sup>9</sup> Hosea 10:8

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

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## 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 pierced it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 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.

## SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Luke 20:9-19

<sup>9</sup> He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. <sup>10</sup> When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him

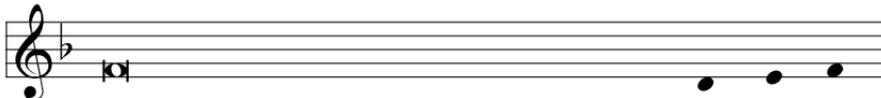
shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. <sup>13</sup>The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? <sup>18</sup>“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.” <sup>19</sup>That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. (EHV)

## HIS FINAL STEPS LED TO HIS ENEMIES

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** 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.

**P:** 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.

P: 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.**

P: 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 to you, O Lord:



**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

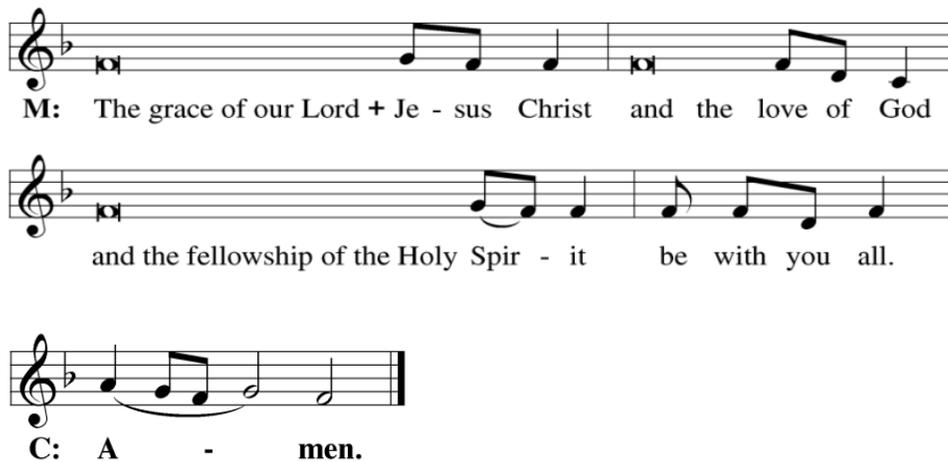
# SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



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

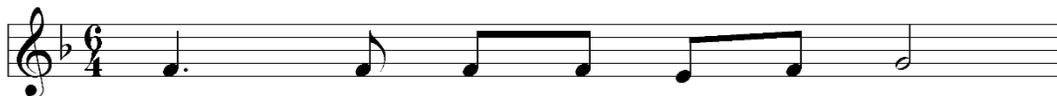


M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.  
C: A - men.

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# 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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