

HIS FINAL STEPS

**LED TO
HIS FATHER'S HOUSE**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

Lent #3 March 8, 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 343

"Christ Is The World's Light"

REDEEMER

343

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, my



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!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ 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 8

CW 67

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,*

the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*

the Son of Man that you care for him?

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*
you put everything under his feet.

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 THREE

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

Congregation: 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.

Pastor: “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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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?”

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.

Pastor: 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 legions¹ 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.”

Women: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.²

Pastor: 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.”

Congregation: 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.

Men: 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.

¹ A Roman *legion* contained as many as six thousand soldiers.

² Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-54; John 18:1-14

Women: The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold.

Men: While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too.³

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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.⁴

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.

³ John 18:12-18

⁴ Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27

Pastor: "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?"⁵

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?"

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: 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, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?"

Pastor: The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.⁶

⁵ John 18:19-23

⁶ Matthew 26:59-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:65

LENT

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Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning,
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

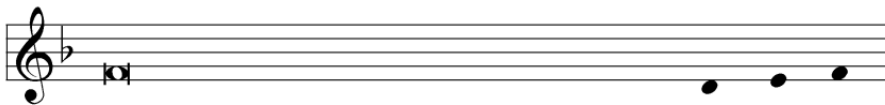
¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers!" ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

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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.**


PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

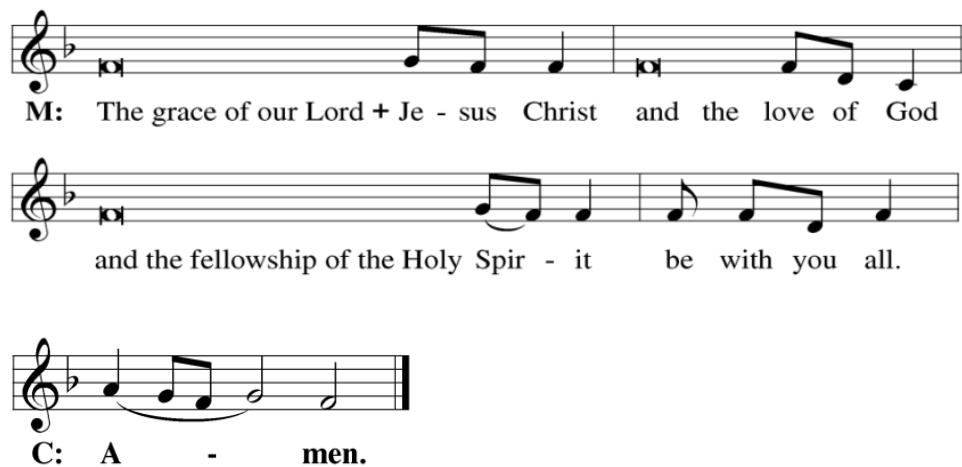
SONG OF SIMEON

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.

EVANGELISM

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There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The first line is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The second line continues the melody and lyrics. The third line includes a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by two verses of lyrics. The fourth line continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth line is the end of the refrain, marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole; There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. 1 Some - times I feel dis - 2 If you can - not preach like cour - aged And think my work's in vain, But Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. tell the love of Je - sus And say he died for all.'

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Refrain
then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
tell the love of Je - sus And say he died for all.

Text: African-American spiritual, abr.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD (Irregular) African-American spiritual.

Officiants

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Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich