

**HIS
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STEPS**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

**Midweek Lenten Worship
Order of Service
Ash Wednesday, February 22**

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 begin the disciplines of Lent.

OPENING HYMN: *CW 593*

"Now the Light Has Gone Away"

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.

Refrain

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone

Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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

PASSION HISTORY RESPONSIVE READING

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST LESSON ONE

Pastor: 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.**”

Pastor: 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.”**

Pastor: 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.¹

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?**”

Pastor: He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “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.**

Pastor: 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.”**²

Congregation: **A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest.**

Pastor: 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

¹ Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6

² Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-17

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.”³

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.⁴

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.

Pastor: 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?”

Pastor: 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!”

Pastor: 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 you⁵ 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.

Pastor: “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,⁶ 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.”⁷

³ Luke 22:24-30

⁴ Or to the fullest extent

⁵ You is plural.

⁶ Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term.

This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*. Here it is emphasized by being used twice. See FAQ #1 at warburgproject.org/faqs/

⁷ John 13:1-17

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."⁸

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 114*

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LENT

114

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the Death of
2 Thou, ah, thou hast tak - en on thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, Treat - ing thee with
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee That from pain I



death, our foe, Who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
cru - el scorn, And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.
might be free; False - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee—



To the dark - est depths of woe— Through thy suf - f' rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne That as thine thou
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty. Com - fort - less thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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11 Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one you love is sick!" ⁴When Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not going to result in death, but it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed in the place where he was two more days. ⁷Then afterwards he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, recently the Jews were trying to stone you. And you are going back there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks around during the day, he does not stumble because he sees this world's light. ¹⁰But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles because there is no light on him." ¹¹He said this and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up." ¹²Then the disciples said, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well." ¹³Jesus had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was merely talking about ordinary sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵And I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Then Thomas (called the Twin) said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go too, so that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." ²⁸After she said this, Martha went back to call her sister Mary. She whispered, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet gone into the village, but was still where Martha met him. ³¹The Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw that she got up quickly and left. So they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled. ³⁴He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They told him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go." ⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

PRAYER

P: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

P: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

P: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

P: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

P: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

P: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

P: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 302*

CW 396

“Lord, to You I Make Confession”

“In Adam We Have All Been One”

302

Lord, to You I Make Confession



1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have
 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther,
 3 For your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n him -
 4 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den— Sink it



sinned and gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied
 I will seek your face. Though your child I dare
 self to res - cue me, Died to save me and
 in the depths be - low! Let me know your gra -



trans - gres - sion, Cho - sen for my - self my way.
 not call me, Yet re - ceive me to your grace.
 re - store me, Rec - on - ciled and set me free.
 cious par - don; Wash me, make me white as snow.



Led by you to see my er - rors,
 Do not for my sins for - sake me;
 Je - sus' cross a - lone can van - quish
 Let your Spir - it leave me nev - er;



Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.
 Do not let your wrath o'er - take me.
 These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.
 Make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: HERR, ICH HABE MISSGEHANDELT (87 87 88) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

JUSTIFICATION

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In Adam We Have All Been One



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One
 2 We fled our God, and los - ing him, We
 3 But your strong love, it sought us still And
 4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, You
 5 Send us your Spir - it; teach us truth To



huge re - bel - lious man; We all have fled that
 lost our broth - er too. Each sin - gly sought and
 sent your on - ly Son That we might hear his
 loved and saved us all; O great good Shep - herd
 purge our van - i - ty. From fan - cied wis - dom,



eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
 claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
 shep - herd - voice And, hear - ing him, be one.
 of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.
 self - sought ways, O Sav - ior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To your eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit you are one.

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THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CLOSING PRAYER

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

C: Amen (*sings*)

CLOSING HYMN: CW 401

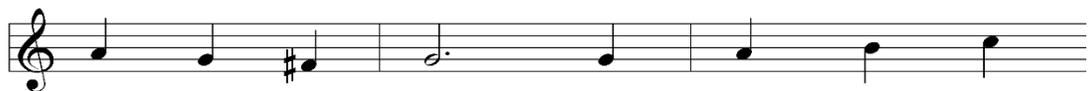
“Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

JUSTIFICATION

401 **Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ**



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
the dread - ful load Of sins that none
the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
could bear But the in - car - nate God.
like mine Would have been all too few.
eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

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