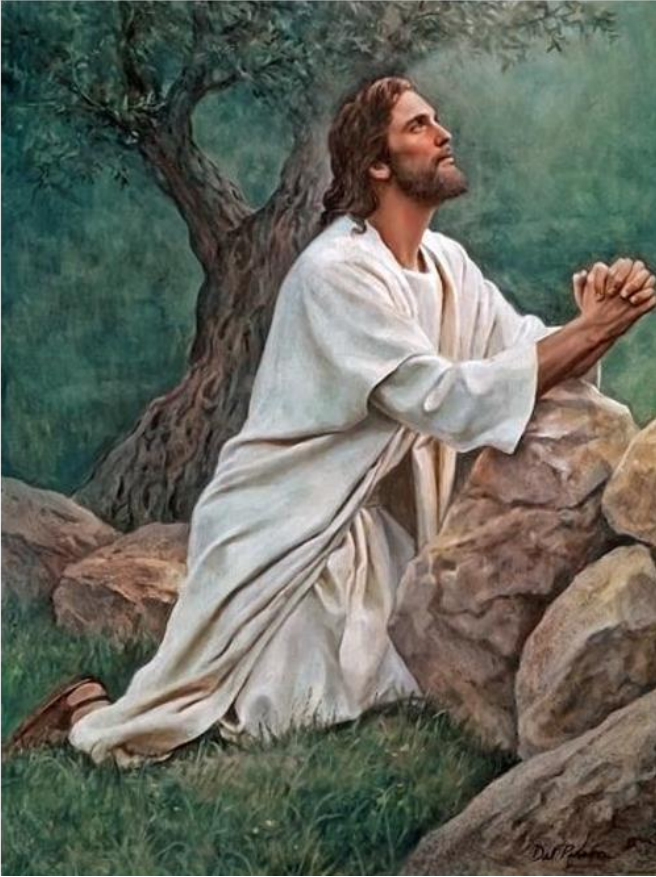


Psalms



of the Savior's
Suffering

LENTEN VESPERS #2

March 1, 2023

STAND

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

400 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, we may
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion fix our



fore the cross we spend, life and health and
to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him our
hearts and eyes on you till we taste your



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
hearts di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave!
full sal - va - tion and your un - veiled glo - ry view.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let My Prayer Rise Before You". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for children's hymns. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Hymn (by students in grades K-2) "Glory Be to Jesus"

Part 2 of the Passion History: Jesus' Agony of Soul in Gethsemane

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They were very sad, and each one began to say to him, "Surely, not I, Lord?"

He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping with me in the dish. For the Son of Man is going just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born."

The disciples started looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. So Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one he was talking about.

Leaning back against Jesus, he asked, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish." 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.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly."

None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

After Judas had 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."

While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

"Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, but just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you so also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later.”

Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!”

Jesus replied, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

Jesus said to him, “Amen, I tell you, tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they said.

Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He said to them, “That is enough.”

Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away because of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

When he reached the place, he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN 425 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall, oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

SERMON TEXT Psalms 40:1-17

¹I waited and waited for the LORD.

Then he turned to me and heard my cry.

²Then he pulled me up from the deadly quicksand,
from the mud and muck.

He made my feet stand on a rock to keep my steps from slipping.

³**Then he put a new song in my mouth,**
a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear.

They will trust in the LORD.

⁴**How blessed is everyone who trusts in the LORD,**
who does not look to the proud
or to those who turn aside to falsehood.

⁵Many are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God.

No one can explain to you all your thoughts for us.

If I try to speak and tell about them,
they are too many to count.

⁶*Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.*

Ears you have opened for me.

You did not ask for burnt offerings and sin offerings.

⁷Then I said, “Here I am, I have come.

The book written on a scroll tells about me.

⁸My God, I take pleasure in doing your will.

Your law is in my heart.”

⁹I preach righteousness in the great assembly.

Indeed, I do not hold back my lips, O LORD, as you know.

¹⁰I do not conceal your righteousness deep in my heart.

I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

I do not hide your mercy and your truth from the great assembly.

¹¹LORD, you do not hold back your compassion from me.

Let your mercy and your truth always protect me,

¹²although troubles without number surround me.

Punishments for my guilt have smothered me, so I cannot see.

They are more than the hairs of my head,

so my courage deserts me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to save me.

LORD, hurry to help me.

¹⁴Let all who seek to end my life be frustrated and completely confused.

Let everyone who desires my ruin be turned back and disgraced.

¹⁵Let those who say to me, “Aha! We got you!” be dismayed,
because they have been put to shame.

¹⁶But let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation always say,

“The LORD is great!”

¹⁷Yet I am poor and needy. May the Lord think about me.

You are my help and my deliverer.

O my God, do not delay.

The Savior Sings Of His Willingness To Suffer

I. See the test of his willingness

II. See the triumph of his willingness

STAND

SONG OF MARY



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



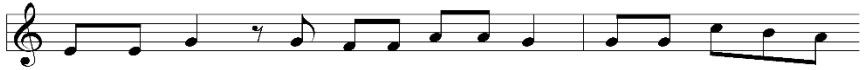
joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor



on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions



will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great



things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on



those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the



proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y



from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich

he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
 to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

OFFERING

KYRIE

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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 mercy.

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 to you, 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: 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



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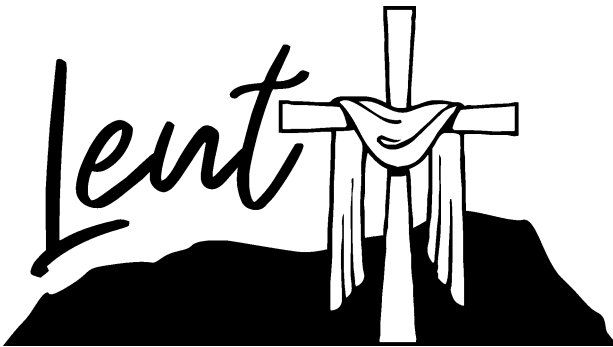
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 and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (by students in grades K-2) “The Lord’s Prayer”



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