

THE CRUCIAL HOURS

"THEY BOUND HIM"

HYMN

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Hymn 409

Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
yet, upon the cross extended, you endured the pain of all.

Dare we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
as we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest,
only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew,
till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
graven in our hearts forever dwell the cross, the Crucified!

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"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.

PRAYER

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that way we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PSALM 25A

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in
you I trust, O LORD my God.

In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Refrain

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good.

Refrain

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress

and take away / all my sins.

Refrain

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

M: Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

Luke 22: 34-54

The *Passion History* is a story of love, not romantic love, and not just strong *feelings* of love. In these Lent readings, we see the love of our Savior giving his life for us. These readings are called the *Passion History* with the word passion coming from the Latin *passio*, suffering. Our readings this year are from the Gospel of Luke. We end each lesson with the great words of the prophet Isaiah:

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed!

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Hymn 422 v. 1-2

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, our guilt and evil bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing,
goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer; bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
anguish and mockery and saith, "Willing all this I suffer."

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior;
him God the Father chose to send to gain for us his favor.

"Go forth, my Son," the Father said,

"and free my children from their dread

of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
but by your passion they will share the fruit of your salvation."

SERMON

"They Bound Him."

John 18:12

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Hymn 422 v. 3-4

"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave who built the earth's foundation.

From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be a current flowing ceaselessly,
your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, your gracious love adoring.

PRAYER

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.**

BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

Hymn 789

All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make to serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie, my soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest, no pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Join Us For Wednesday Evening Lent Worship!

The Crucial Hours

Wednesday, March 23, at 3:30 and 6:30:

The Semblance of Legality

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

Wednesday, March 30, at 3:30 and 6:30:

What to Remember When You are Seized with Remorse

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

Wednesday, April 6, at 3:30 and 6:30:

A Part for the Whole?

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

We Thank Rev. David Carlovsky from Lord and Savior in Crystal Lake for leading us into God's Word to see the wonders of his love! Next week we welcome Rev. Tom Schultz from Christ the King in Palatine.

We Thank Jeanne Thies and team for hosting our Lent Dinner this evening! Please feel free to offer your help, bring a dessert...