

THE CRUCIAL HOURS

"SATAN HAS ASKED TO SIFT ALL OF YOU"

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Hymn 425 v. 1-3

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.

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.

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.

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 (CWS)

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: 1-38

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

"In the Hour of Trial"

Hymn 406

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me
lest by base denial I unworthy be.
When you see me waver, with a look recall,
nor for fear or favor ever let me fall.

With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm
or its tempting treasures spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane
or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.

Should your mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe,
or should pain attend me on my path below,
grant that I may never fail your cross to view;
grant that I may ever cast my care on you.

When my life is ending, though in grief or pain,
when my body changes back to dust again,
on your truth relying, through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me, dying, to eternal life.

SERMON

“Satan has asked to sift all of you.”

Luke 22:31, 32

HYMN

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

Hymn 404 v. 1-2, & 4

Jesus, grant that balm and healing in your holy wounds I find,
ev’ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,
show the peril, and from sinning keep me ere its first beginning.

Should some lust or sharp temptation fascinate my sinful mind,
let me think about your passion, and new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard,
saying, “Christ for me was wounded,” that the tempter flee confounded.

Ev’ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds,
Lord, is made whole;
when I’m weak, your cross revives me, granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet ev’ry bitter cup I meet;
for your all-atoning passion has procured my soul’s salvation.

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

“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”

Hymn 794 v. 3-4

Lord Jesus, since you love me, O spread your wings above me
and shield me from alarm. Though Satan would assail me,
your mercy will not fail me; I rest in your protecting arm.

My loved ones, rest securely, for God this night will surely
from peril guard your heads. Sweet slumbers may he send you
and bid his hosts attend you and through the night watch o’er your beds.

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Join Us For Wednesday Evening Lent Worship!

The Crucial Hours

Wednesday, March 16, at 3:30 and 6:30:

“They Bound Him”

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

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. Bill Schubert from Our Savior’s in Zion for leading us into God’s Word to see the wonders of his love! Next week we welcome Rev. David Carlovsky from Lord and Savior in Crystal Lake.

We Thank St. John School Board for hosting our Lent Dinner this evening! Please feel free to offer your help, bring a dessert...