

## THE CRUCIAL HOURS

### “A PART FOR THE WHOLE?”

HYMN

*“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”*

Hymn 419 v. 1-3

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, waged in blood on Calvary;  
o'er the cross, triumphant trophy, tell who struggled valiantly;  
tell how earth's Redeemer conquered—victim gaining victory.

Tell how, when at length the fullness of th' appointed time was come,  
he, the Word, was born of woman, left for us his Father's home,  
blazed the path of true obedience, shone as light amidst the gloom.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished, he went forth from Nazareth,  
destined, dedicated, willing, did his work and met his death;  
like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath.

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 85A

*Refrain*

LORD, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good - ness nev - er fails.

*Tone*

You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people  
and covered / all their sins.  
You set aside / all your wrath  
and turned from your fierce / anger.  
Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,  
and grant us your sal- / vation. *Refrain*

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;  
he promises peace to his / people.  
Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,  
that his glory may dwell / in our land.  
Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;  
righteousness and peace kiss each / other.  
**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:** God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C:** **Amen.**

#### THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

**Luke 23:26-46**

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

*"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken"*

Hymn 432 v. 1-4

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
that such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make confession,  
what dark transgression?

They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
with cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;  
they give you gall to drink, they still decry you;  
they crucify you.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,  
this I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
the Master pays the debt his servants owe him,  
who would not know him.

SERMON

A Part for the Whole?

**Luke 23:13-16**

HYMN

*"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken"*

Hymn 432 v. 5-7

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness,  
the sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
we forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted;  
God is committed.

I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,  
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
to do your will shall be my sole endeavor  
henceforth forever.

And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven  
to me the crown of joy at last is given,  
where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,  
I too shall praise you.

#### **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

*"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"*

**Hymn 405**

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
that life's riches, cares, and pleasures have no pow'r to hide your face.  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation.

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**We Thank Rev. Jacob Shepherd** from St. Paul in Round Lake Park for leading us into God’s Word to see the wonders of his love!

**We Thank Todd Haefke** for hosting our Lent Dinner this evening!

## Join us for Holy Week Worship!



<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Service</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Easter Service</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>11:00am</b>

### EASTER FELLOWSHIP

A sign-up sheet for Easter fellowship treats is posted in the narthex.

New this year, St. John is hosting a meaningful egg hunt for kids preschool-grade 5 on Easter Sunday between services. We ask that you register your kids at [www.stjohnslib.com/rsvp](http://www.stjohnslib.com/rsvp) so we can make sure we have enough eggs for everyone.



We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the egg hunt. If you can help, please contact Denise Fullerton [denisefullerton@comcast.net](mailto:denisefullerton@comcast.net) or Sheryl Linnemann [sheryl359@gmail.com](mailto:sheryl359@gmail.com).