

## THE CRUCIAL HOURS

**“WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE SEIZED WITH REMORSE”**

HYMN

*“Glory Be to Jesus”*

Hymn 402

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains  
poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;  
blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
which from endless torment did the world redeem.

Abel’s blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies,  
but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting lifts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

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.

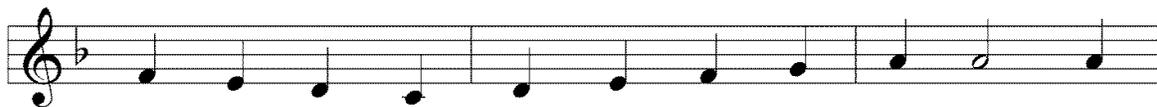
C: **Amen.**



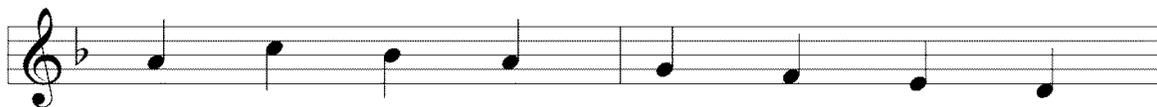
1 In hope - less - ness and near de - spair, I  
 2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My  
 3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -  
 4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant



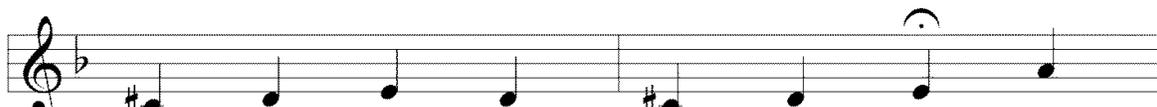
cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than  
 heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the  
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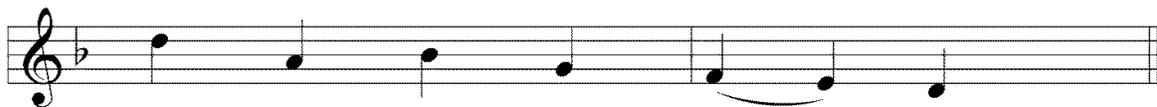
I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You  
 things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now  
 re - pri - mand, But grace and ab - so - lu - tion: With  
 fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This



know me as I real - ly am: How  
 prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see. O  
 you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You  
 world must know what I have learned, That



much is truth, how much is sham; Why  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who  
 speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And  
 you be - stow what none has earned: The



should you heed my plead - ing?  
 else but you can help me?  
 I am sure you love me!  
 joy of full for - give - ness!

## THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

Luke 23:1-25

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

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

Hymn 430

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;  
proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, as you hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his,  
friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress?  
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would intervene to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that justice gave.

If you think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great,  
here you see its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

## SERMON

What to Remember When You are Seized with Remorse

Matthew 27:3, 4

HYMN

*"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"*

Hymn 679

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
that brought me salvation free, lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me  
in a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,  
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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 the Light Has Gone Away”*

**Hymn 784**

Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,  
asking you to watch and keep and to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away all that I've done wrong today.  
Make me ever more like you, good and gentle, kind and true.

Let my near and dear ones be safe with you eternally.  
O bring me and all I love to your happy home above.

Now my evening praise I give; you once died that I might live.  
All your precious gifts are free— oh, how good you are to me!

Ah, my best and kindest Friend, you will love me to the end.  
Let me love you more and more, always better than before.

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### The Crucial Hours

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

A Part for the Whole?

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

**We Thank Rev. Andy Bauer** from New Life in Lake Zurich for leading us into God’s Word to see the wonders of his love!

Next week we welcome Rev. Jacob Shepherd from St. Paul in Round Lake Park.

**We Thank the Linnemanns** for hosting our Lent Dinner this evening! Please feel free to offer your help, bring a dessert...