

# Zion Lutheran Church



March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Evening Service

Lent – Week 2

## Return from Betrayal

In the Transfiguration hymn "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory," hymnwriter Thomas Troeger portrays the days of the Lord's Passion as that time when Jesus' disciples are to be "following the Savior Through the valley to the cross and . . . testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss" (*LSB* 416:2). The weekly reading of the Gospel account of Holy Week reveals how the disciples do and do not meet the challenges of following their Lord. The witness of Scripture also shows how in every situation Jesus remains faithful to His own even in the face of betrayal, pain, and loss. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our discipleship and to test the resiliency of our faith as well.

## Order of Vespers

### Opening Hymn: Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow #880



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - harm.  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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**P**: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

**P**: O Lord, open my lips,  
**C**: and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P**: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C**: make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C**: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

+ READINGS +

#### **First Reading -- 2 Samuel 15:12; 17:1–4**

And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king, and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace.” And the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

**P**: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

#### **Second Reading -- Acts 3:14–19**

“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is

through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

**P**: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Third Reading -- John 18:1–11**

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

- P**: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C**: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P**: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
**C**: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P**: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C**: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

## Sermon Hymn -- Break Your Hearts



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing    And your pride in two,  
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing,    Hung up - on the tree.  
3 Gath - er all in num - ber    From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing    Your re - pen - tance true.  
It is vain de - ny - ing    What is plain to see:  
E - ven those in slum - ber    Wait for trum - pets clear.



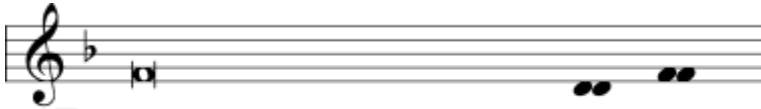
With your tears and fast - ing,    From your God dis - cern  
While His heart is break - ing,    Still your God will earn  
When the Lord grants bless - ing,    Bro - ken hearts will learn



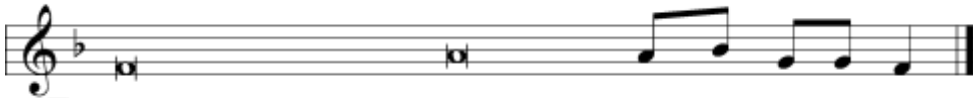
His ways ev - er - last - ing;    To your Lord re - turn.  
Free - dom in the mak - ing.    To your Lord re - turn.  
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing;    To your Lord re - turn.

Sermon

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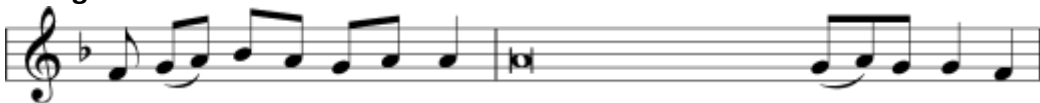


**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

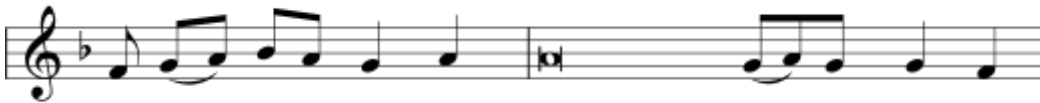


**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

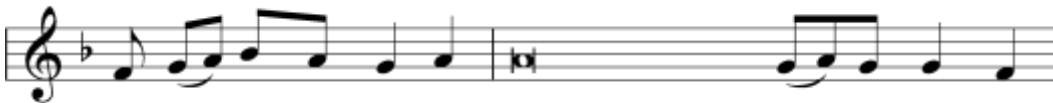
Magnificat



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



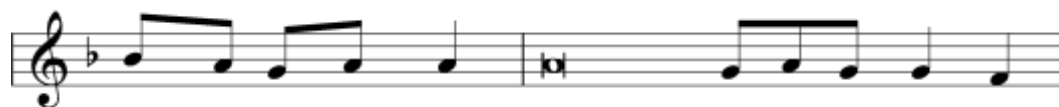
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.





**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

+ PRAYER +

### Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

**C:** 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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Distribution

### Collects

**P**: O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C**: **And let my cry come to You.**

**P**: Almighty God, we thank You for Your steadfast faithfulness throughout this day. Now that the day is almost over, by the cross of Christ forgive our past betrayals, both large and small, that we may rest peacefully in Your care and awake in the morning filled with gratitude for Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P**: Let us bless the Lord.

**C**: **Thanks be to God.**

**P**: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Closing Hymn: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing #421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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