



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midweek Lent – March 9, 2022



# THE CRUCIAL HOURS

## What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse

### Opening Hymn: Not All the Blood of Beasts

CW 398

(Students sing v. 1-3, congregation sings v. 4-5)

- 1 *Not all the blood of beasts on Israel's altars slain  
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.*
- 2 *But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,  
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.*
- 3 *In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,  
as penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.*
- 4 **My soul looks back to see  
the burden you did bear  
when hanging on the cursed tree;  
I know my guilt was there!**
- 5 **Believing, we rejoice  
to see the curse remove;  
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
and sing his bleeding love.**

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### Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in  
our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we  
may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we  
are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when  
we shall serve him in newness of life. **Amen.**

# 130B Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

## Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

## Tone

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive  
to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, /  
serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,  
and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel  
from / all their sins.

**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

God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love. Amen.

## The Passion Reading

Luke 22:1–38

<sup>1</sup>Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup>and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. <sup>5</sup>They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

<sup>9</sup>“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

<sup>10</sup>He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

<sup>13</sup>They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

<sup>21</sup>But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” <sup>23</sup>They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup>But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered.

<sup>36</sup>He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

<sup>38</sup>The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”

“That’s enough!” he replied.

## 430 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

- 1 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.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 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

Matthew 27:3, 4

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

<sup>4</sup>“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

### **What to Remember When Seized with Remorse**

- The wayward heart has no answer for guilt.
- The Innocent One becomes accountable for you.

## Offering

## Prayer

### 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.

## Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear  
him.

## 401 There Is a Fountain

- 1 There is a fountain filled with blood  
drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains,  
lose all their guilty stains,  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains.
  
- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away,  
washed all my sins away,  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.
  
- 3 Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood  
shall never lose its pow'r  
till all the ransomed Church of God  
be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more,  
be saved, to sin no more,  
till all the ransomed Church of God  
be saved, to sin no more.
  
- 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme  
and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die,  
and shall be till I die,  
redeeming love has been my theme  
and shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
lies silent in the grave,  
then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save:  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save.

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## Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## Prayer after Worship

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can.

## Sincere Thanks

We thank Pastor Andrew Ewald from Immanuel, Mosinee for leading today's worship. Next Wednesday Pastor Glenn Seefeldt from Grace, Ringle will lead our worship. His theme will be: "A Part for the Whole?"



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