

Midweek Lent – March 16, 2022



THE CRUCIAL HOURS

A PART FOR THE WHOLE?

402 Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402

Students: 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.

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

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

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

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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.**

85A LORD, in Your Mercy, Hear My Prayer

Psalm 85A





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

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Psalm Prayer

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.

Passion Reading

Luke 22:39-54

³⁹Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

- Jesus, your blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
- Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a word against me say? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood, which at the very throne of God pleads for the captives' liberty, was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore, you have for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.
- When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies, this then shall be my only plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me, for me and all your hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon: A Part for the Whole?

Luke 23:13–16

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

Offering

Prayer

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

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.

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.

425 Go to Dark Gethsemane

425 sts. 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.

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Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. May God bless your time with us richly.

Sincere Thanks

We thank Pastor Glenn Seefeldt from Grace, Ringle for leading today's worship. Next Wednesday Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter will lead our worship. His theme will be: "I Will Keep the Passover."

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.

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