

Midweek Lent ~ March 1, 2023

HIS FINAL SEPS

Our Worship

Opening Hymn

CW 394 Stand for verse 4

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall; here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within; from infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin, wash your robes and make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, paralyzed, and blind; here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled, peace may find. Health this fountain will restore; they that drink shall thirst no more.
- They that drink shall live forever;
 'tis a soul-renewing flood.
 God is faithful; God will never
 break his covenant of blood,
 signed when our Redeemer died,
 sealed when he was glorified.

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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.

Hymn of Praise

CW 396 st. 1

1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
who, thyself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

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Lamb of God (Twila Paris)

Our Savior's School Students

Reading Luke 22:1–38

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

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

9"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, "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?" ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

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

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

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

¹⁹And 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."

²⁰In 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. ²¹But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷For 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. ²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

³³But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

³⁵Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

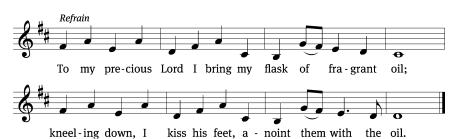
³⁶He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

³⁸The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That's enough!" he replied.

Hymn of the Day

CW 542





- 1 Je sus, who for my sake walked the road to Cal va ry, 2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
- 3 When in clouds of glo ry you come back to earth a gain,



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me. with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost. Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.

Text: tr. Edward Poltras, b. 1932; Chung Kwan Park, b. 1958

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Sermon John 12:1-11

His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration

'Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

⁹Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

As the offering is gathered, we ask both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Registers, which are located at the end of the pews. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. 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. Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 789

All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light.

Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

- Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as little as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glorious at the awe-full day. Oh, may my soul on thee repose and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close, sleep that shall me more vig'rous make to serve my God when I awake.
- When in the night I sleepless lie, my soul with heav'nly thoughts supply; let no ill dreams disturb my rest, no pow'rs of darkness me distress. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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<u>His Final Steps</u> – We have five special Lent services on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm leading up to Holy Week. "His Final Steps" is the unifying theme of the messages delivered by area WELS pastors.

- Midweek Lent #3, Wednesday, March 8th
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Bushkopf (Mtn of the Lord)
 "His Final Steps Led to His Father's House"
- Midweek Lent #4, Wednesday, March 15th
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Ryan Cortright (Redeemer, Weston)
 "His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree"
- Midweek Lent #5, Wednesday, March 22nd
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Ewald (Immanuel, Mosinee)
 "His Final Steps Led to some Greeks"
- Midweek Lent #6, Wednesday, March 29th
 Presiding Minister: Pastor John Hadler (St. Matthew, Marathon)
 "His Final Steps Led to a Donkey"



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