



## Midweek Lent #2

~ His Final Steps...Led to a Tomb ~



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**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Our midweek Lent series theme is ***His Final Steps***. The series ponders key moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

Tonight we welcome Pastor Sam Lor as our guest preacher. Pastor Lord serves our sister church, St. John's, in Minneapolis as well as the True North Campus ministry serving the University of Minnesota.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Samuel Lor (St. John's Lutheran, Minneapolis)

Piano: Jessica Klatt

Soloist: Luke Dorn

# **Order of Worship**



## ***Preservice Music & Words of Welcome***

*Please remain seated.*

**M:** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and peace at the last.

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

**M:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C:** **To sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

**M:** To herald your love in the morning,

**C:** **Your truth at the close of day.**

**M:** Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.**

**By my fault,**

**By my own fault,**

**By my own grievous fault.**

**For this I pray to God Almighty to have mercy on me.**

**Forgive all my sins,**

**And bring me to everlasting life.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

### **(4pm) Children's Hymn: Lamb of God**

CW 403

Salem School Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Refrain

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the world's sin,  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

- 1 As high as the heav'ns are over the earth, so great is your love for us.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our sin. (*Refrain*)
- 2 A Father's heart you turn to us; you hear us when we call.  
Now, Lord, in compassion, lend your ear; you know our needs, O hear our prayer.

Final Refrain

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the world's sin,  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, give to us your peace.

# Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1-2, 6-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,  
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,  
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my  
ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to  
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
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for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

## Sermon Text

Based on selected verses of John 11

(Printed on pages 10-11)

*"His final steps led to a tomb"*

Please remain seated after the sermon.

## Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the

pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Hymn: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535

*A soloist will sing the first verse. The assembly is invited to sing verses 2-4.*

- 1 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;

he the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.  
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!

In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.  
bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-measured, love un-told.  
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as will we be when he comes.

*After the hymn, the congregation and pastor read the Passion History responsively.*

## THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

### Part #1— *The Passover & Lord's Supper*

**PASTOR:** Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples,

**CONGREGATION:** "As you know, the Passover is two days away and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

**PASTOR:** Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the High Priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. They said, "But not during the feast, among the people, or there may be a riot."

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. They counted out for him thirty silver coins, and he watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus sent two of his disciples, Peter and John, saying, "Go into the city. As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. Say to its owner, 'The Teacher says, my appointed time is near. Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

In the evening at the proper hour, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them,

**CONGREGATION:** "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

**PASTOR:** Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. He asked them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Once you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

**PASTOR:** After Jesus had said this, he was deeply troubled and testified,

**CONGREGATION:** "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

**PASTOR:** His disciples were very sad. They stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant, and began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. One after the other they began to say to him,

**CONGREGATION:** "Surely not I, Lord?"

**PASTOR:** Jesus replied, "The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born. It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish."

Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly," but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said,



**CONGREGATION:** "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My little children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

**PASTOR:** Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

**CONGREGATION:** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**PASTOR:** "Take and eat: this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**CONGREGATION:** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying,

**PASTOR:** "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung a hymn, Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

(Verses compiled from the New International Version)

*After the reading, the congregation joins in the seasonal response...*

**C:** All we, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.

*Silence for meditation.*

## **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

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<sup>1</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

<sup>4</sup>When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup>and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

<sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup>and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup>"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup>After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup>When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup>When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup>"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup>“Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”  
<sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. <sup>46</sup>But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

<sup>49</sup>Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup>You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

<sup>51</sup>He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, <sup>52</sup>and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

# *Welcome to worship!*

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

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by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

