

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

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Retired Guest Pastor

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OPENING HYMN: #397

My Song Is Love Unknown (vs. 1, 4-5, 7)

V1. My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

V4. Why? What has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease
and 'gainst him rise.

V5. They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from death might free.

V7. Here might I stay and sing;
no story so divine,
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of our God,

C: to whom all hearts are open and from
whom no secrets are hidden.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.

C: Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

P: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

C: Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.

P: Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

C: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by my sins and deeply sorry for them.

Silence for self-reflection

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

PRAYER

P: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

C: Bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING of Psalm 118

(Selected Verses)

P: In my anguish I cried to the LORD,
C: and he answered by setting me free.

P: The LORD is with me; I will not be
afraid.

C: What can man do to me?

P: The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

C: I will look in triumph on my enemies.

P: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

C: They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

P: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

C: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

C: The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. Because you overcame sin and death, we will not die but live, and we will always proclaim your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Passion Reading

Part Three

**Jesus Before the
Sanhedrin**



**It Is
Finished**

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and elders of the people. Judas was leading them.

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. Judas the traitor was standing there with them. When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

“I told you that I am he,” Jesus answered. “If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them. “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

Going at once to Jesus, Judas approached Jesus to kiss him and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" One of Jesus' companions, Simon Peter, reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

“No more of this! Put your sword back into its sheath,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me? Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

At that time Jesus said to the crowd, 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 out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not lay a hand on me.

“But this is your hour – when darkness reigns! This has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” All the disciples deserted him and fled.

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and took him away.

A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

They brought Jesus first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Then they took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the chief priests, elders, and teachers of the law had assembled. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door.

The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there, and brought Peter in. It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

One of the servant girls of the high priest on duty at the door came by. When she saw Peter seated there in the firelight warming himself she looked closely at him and said, “You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus. Are you not one of this man’s disciples?”

He replied, “Girl, I am not. I don’t know him. I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about.” Simon Peter went out into the entryway and the rooster crowed.

A little later, when the servant girl again saw him there, she said to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” Someone else saw him and said, “You are one of them.”

Again he denied it, with an oath, “I am not! I don’t know the man!”

About an hour later, another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” Those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the olive grove?”

Then Peter began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

Now Annas had sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

“I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.”

When Jesus had said this, one of the officials nearby stuck him in the face. “Is that any way to answer the high priest?” he demanded.

“If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “speak up about it. But if I spoke the truth, why did you hit me?”

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

Finally, two came forward and declared, “We heard him say, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days. I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’” Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One? I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

“I am,” said Jesus. “It is as you say. But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him, and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?" The men who were guarding Jesus began to mock and to beat him and to say many other insulting things to him.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

REFLECTION

More Precious Than Silver

(Choir)

Sermon Text

Zechariah 8:19-23



It Is Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

...This is what the LORD Almighty says:
“The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh
and tenth months will become joyful
and glad occasions and happy festivals
for Judah. Therefore love truth and
peace.”

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going.’ And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him.”

This is what the LORD Almighty says:
“In those days ten men from all
languages and nations will take firm
hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe
and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we
have heard that God is with you.’”



Sermon Theme

**Our Fasting
Gives Way to
Feasting**



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LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: #789

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (vs.1-3)

V1. 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.

V2. 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.

V3. 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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Announcements

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- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #3 – Brian Stein

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