



## MIDWEEK OF LENT 2

### RETURN FROM BETRAYAL

In the Transfiguration hymn “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory,” hymnwriter Thomas Troeger portrays the days of the Lord’s Passion as that time when Jesus’ disciples are to be “following the Savior Through the valley to the cross and . . . testing faith’s resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss” (*LSB* 416:2). The weekly reading of the Gospel account of Holy Week reveals how the disciples do and do not meet the challenges of following their Lord. The witness of Scripture also shows how in every situation Jesus remains faithful to His own even in the face of betrayal, pain, and loss. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our discipleship and to test the resiliency of our faith as well.

#### PRELUDE

#### *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

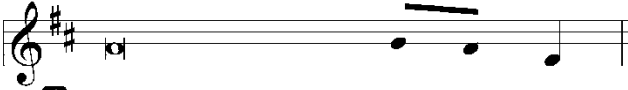
*Carl Schalk*

*Stand*

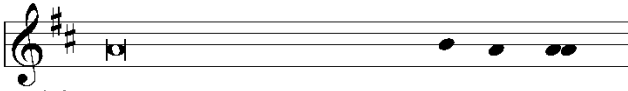
## OPENING VERSICLES



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



**P** <sup>11</sup> By this I know that You de- | light in me:\*  
my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.

**C** <sup>12</sup> **But You have upheld me because of my in- |  
tegrity,\*  
and set me in Your presence for- | ever.**

**P** <sup>13</sup> Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and | Amen.

**C** **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.**

*Sit*

## ✠ READINGS ✠

### FIRST READING

**2 Samuel 15:12; 17:1–4**

**P** A reading from Second Samuel, the fifteenth and seventeenth chapters.

<sup>12</sup> And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. <sup>2</sup> I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king, <sup>3</sup> and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace." <sup>4</sup> And the advice

seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HANDBELL ANTHEM** *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

Lauran Delancy & Eric Schlef

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 3:14–19**

**P** A reading from Acts, the third chapter.

<sup>14</sup> “But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

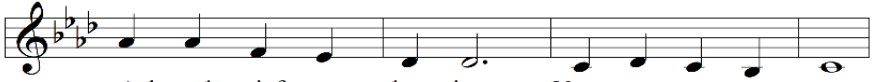
**SERIES HYMN**

**"Break Your Hearts"**

*Lisa M. Clark/ Jonathan Kohrs*



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,  
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.  
3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.  
It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:  
E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern  
While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn  
When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.  
Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.  
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 18:1-11**

**P** A reading from St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing

with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**





# MAGNIFICAT

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1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

# OFFERING

# ✠ PRAYER ✠

## KYRIE



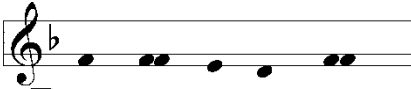
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## COLLECTS



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Faithful God, Your love for us remains constant, even when we falter and fail. Help us to recognize our betrayals and to return to You by the cross of Jesus, where He paid for our sin with His life, so that our lives may be restored; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR LENT

**P** Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## COLLECT AT EVENING

**P** Almighty God, we thank You for Your steadfast faithfulness throughout this day. Now that the day is almost over, by the cross of Christ forgive our past betrayals, both large and small, that we may rest peacefully in Your care and awake in the morning filled with gratitude for Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** Lord God, amidst the turmoil of this world, Your love for us in Christ remains constant and sure. Guide our hearts to rest in You, that we experience the peace that surpasses all understanding; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

## Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

5. **O my God, my rock and tower,  
Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection,  
Light and life and resurrection.**

## **POSTLUDE**

***Christ, the Life of All the Living***

*Johann Christoph Bach*

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Pastor Mike Ada

Organist

Deb Miller

Bell Duet

Lauran Delancy & Eric Schlef

Acolytes

John & Peter Yarnell

## **Join us for the remaining Midweek Lent Services:**

**Wednesday of Lent 3:** “Return from False Witness”

**Wednesday of Lent 4:** “Return from Denial”

**Wednesday of Lent 5:** “Return to the Kingdom of God”

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday:** “Return to the Table”

**Good Friday:** “Return to Truth”

**Easter Sunday:** “Return and See”

