



**MIDWEEK—LENT 4**

**MARCH 22, 2023**

*\*congregation stands*

**AS WE GATHER**

*Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it. Matthew 26:69-70*

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C **To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C **To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C **We follow Christ to the courtyard.**

P It belongs to the High Priest Caiaphas—but Peter is there and so are others.

C **Peter denies Jesus three times.**

P But all is not lost. After his collapse, God's grace is amazing.

C **Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

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### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gracious and most merciful Father—

C **In the light of your holiness I see myself as I really am.**

P And I am guilty.

C **I confess that I have impure thoughts and unclean lips.**

P I think too highly of myself and too little of others.

C **I cling too tightly to the treasures of this world.**

P That I cannot open my hands to receive blessings from you.

C **My feet walk in the path of sin.**

P I wander astray and become a stranger to righteousness.  
C **Forgive me, and set me again on the path that leads to life.**

P Deal with me not as I deserve, but according to your mercy.  
C **Not because I am worthy but because you are gracious. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!  
C **I shall follow where you guide!**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Merciful and mighty Father, like Peter we can make great boasts, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" (Matthew 26:35) When we fail and fall, and get lost in guilt, restore to us the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
C **Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 53:8–12*

<sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
 because he poured out his soul to death  
 and was numbered with the transgressors;  
 yet he bore the sin of many,  
 and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*James 2:8–13*

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 26:69–75*

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

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- C **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

**LSB 575**



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## SERMON PLACES OF THE PASSION: THE COURTYARD

### OFFERING

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray. Gracious Father, we stand in awe and wonder at your abounding grace which you've lavished on us through your Son, Jesus. That's why we celebrate, where sin abounds,

C **Grace abounds all the more.**

P Gracious Father, in Peter's failure we see our own failure and sin. Too often we are spiritually dead—living in the reign of sin and death. But now, through Jesus, you make us alive and children of your great affection and grace! We delight to say, where sin abounds,

C **Grace abounds all the more.**

P Gracious Father, as lost as we get in guilt, so much more do you restore us in grace—amazing, life-changing, overflowing grace. Grace planned for Jesus to be arrested, tried, condemned, crucified, buried and risen for us. That's why we are eternally grateful, because where sin abounds,

C **Grace abounds all the more.**

P Indeed, gracious Father, this Gospel shows us how fervently “for us” you really are. You didn’t spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will you not also, along with Jesus, graciously give us all things?

C **Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to the high priest’s courtyard, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

C **Let us ever walk with Jesus! Amen.**

**HYMN TO DEPART**

**GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING**

LSB 922 *sts. 1–4*



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**Serving our Lord**

		Wed. March 22, 6:30pm	Wed. March 29, 6:30pm
	5:15pm	Soup supper served by: Elders	Soup supper served by: Quilters
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Marsha Workman
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Jon Peterson
Reader	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Jon Peterson
Usher Team	6:30pm	Terry Stoerzinger	Jon Peterson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Open	Open
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

**Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship**



**Maundy Thursday**—Thursday, April 6

5:00pm Seder Meal; reservations in the narthex or church office by April 2  
 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



**Good Friday**—Friday, April 7

6:30pm\* Worship



**Easter**—Sunday, April 9

8:00am\* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:15am Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

\*livestream at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)