

# Midweek Lenten Service

March 23, 7:30 PM



## The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love

### As We Gather

Human love changes over time. Sometimes it deepens; other times it fades. Our Lord, however, brings a love that is eternal. His love for you existed before you were born and continues into life everlasting. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for you. This evening, we meditate upon our Lord's eternal love. When Jesus rises from prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, nothing is what it seems. This is the hour when darkness reigns. A kiss becomes betrayal. Disciples no longer follow. Religious leaders fight against their God. Yet, into this hour of darkness, Jesus brings an eternal love. Into this world of constant changes, Jesus brings an unchanging mission. He is faithful to His name and comes to save us from our sin. Meditate this evening upon your Savior's eternal love. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, and, in a world of constant change, what a blessing it is to know our Savior's love that never fails.

### HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

## LENTEN SENTENCES

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Rend your hearts and not your garments.

**People: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "If any man would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."**

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**People: He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

## PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You seek not our death or destruction but our life and salvation. Speak Your Word of rescue to our sin-sick hearts and fearful souls. Call us forth from the darkness of our guilt and shame. Bring us into the light of Your presence where Your forgiveness dwells. Restore us to Your people that our wandering ways may end. Direct us to the path Your Son has made that we may walk in it by faith and never depart from its hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Again let us pray. Kind Father, we have betrayed You and exchanged our hope for the bitterness of envy and jealousy and the shame of our selfish wills. In Your goodness, do not leave us in our guilt but forgive Your servants. As Your Son spoke in forgiveness from the cross, help us to hear its voice call us to repentance and to the blessed gift of a clear conscience through absolution. Make us new that with the courage and strength of Your love we may bend our wills and wait upon Your wisdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**



## READING

1 Peter 5:6–11

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## PSALM

*Psalm 36, responsively by verse*

**Pastor:** Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

**People:** **For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

**Pastor:** The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

**People:** **He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.**

**Pastor:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People:** **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.**

**Pastor:** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**People:** **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

**Pastor:** For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

**People:** **Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the up-right of heart!**

**Pastor:** Let not the foot of arrogance come up-on me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

**People:** **There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## READING

Luke 22:47-53

The congregation will read in unison the text in bold type and marked by the symbol ☒

**NARRATOR:** While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, but Jesus said to him,

**JESUS:** Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

**NARRATOR:** And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said,

☐ **Lord, shall we strike with the sword?**

**NARRATOR:** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus said,

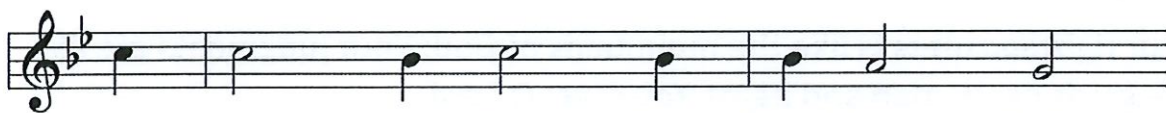
**JESUS:** No more of this!

**NARRATOR:** And He touched His ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him,

**JESUS:** Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

## HYMN "O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544, Verses 1 & 7



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
△ 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;



That God, the Son of God, should take  
The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.



**SERMON**     *“The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love” (Luke 22:47–53) Pastor Scott Henze*

## **OFFERING**

## **CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

**People:** **He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.**

**Pastor:** Take off the sandals from your feet,

**People:** **for the place where you are standing is holy ground.**

**Pastor:** Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

**People:** **She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.**

**Pastor:** Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips,

**People:** **and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!**

**Pastor:** But in the very place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,”

**People:** **there they will be called “sons of the living God.”**

**Pastor:** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**People:** **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**Pastor:** Lord, open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light

**People:** **and from the power of Satan to God,**

**Pastor:** that they may receive forgiveness of sins

**People:** **and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:** have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

LSB 780 (Repeat)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

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## PRAYER

Pastor: I desire then that in every place the people should pray,

**People:** lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**People:** let my cry come to You.

Pastor: In the day of trouble I call upon You,

**People:** and You answer me.

Pastor: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

**People:** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

6 Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**People:** listen to my plea for grace.



Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known.

**People:** We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Inscribe Your Law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work.

**People:** In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation.

Pastor: By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments.

**People:** Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul.

Pastor: Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand.

**People:** Keep us this day under Your protective care and preserve us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**HYMN** "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" *LSB 707 vs 1,2,4*



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Pastor: Help us, O Lord, this night

**People: to live without sin.**

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, let Your mercy be on us.

**People: As our trust is in You.**

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: And let our cry come to You.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this hour suffered the betrayal of Your own, give us courage and strength that we may abide confidently in Your love and not surrender our faith in the hour of testing. Guard our hearts from fear and keep us in steadfast faith and love, that we may serve You with all fidelity and abide in Your peace to the end of our days; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

**People: Amen.**

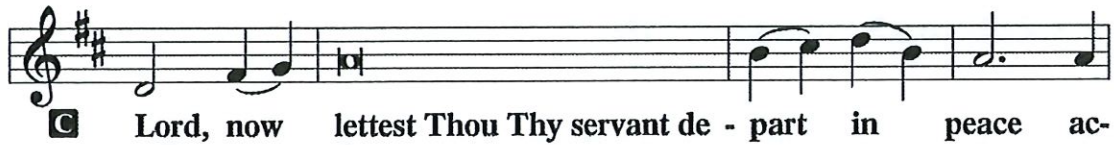
## **ANTIPHON**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



# NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



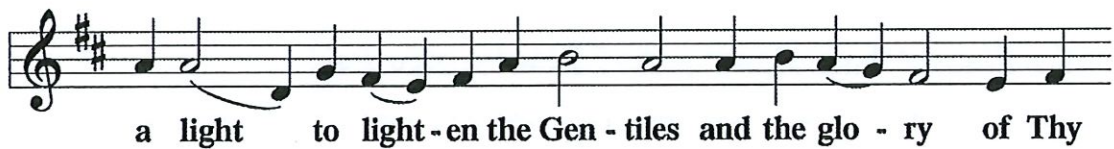
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



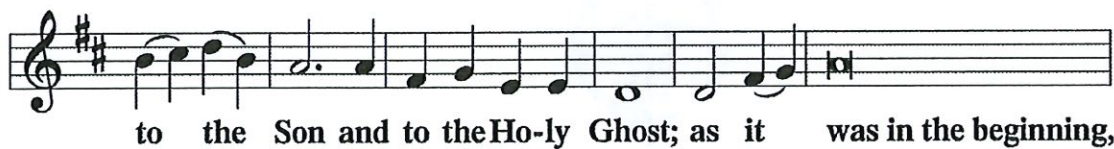
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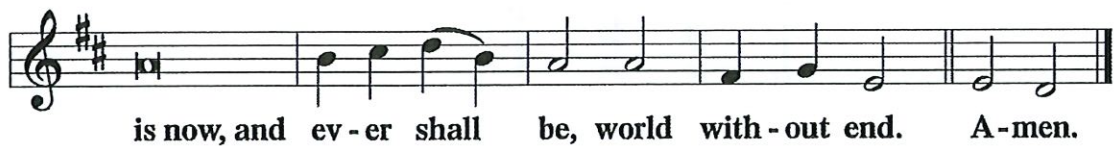
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peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*All worshipers are asked to depart in silence.*

## **Midweek Lenten Worship**

### **Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM**

March 30 - Midweek of Lent 4: "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" (Luke 22:54-62)

April 6 - Midweek of Lent 5: "The Trial: A Place of God's Will" (Luke 22:63-23:25)

## **Holy Week**

April 9 - Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM

April 10 - Palm Sunday

April 14 - Holy Thursday: "The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23) at 7:30 PM

April 15 - Good Friday: (Two Services)

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross at Peace Mound Park located at 1300 Three Village Road in Weston.

7:30 PM - "Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49) at St. Paul.

April 17 - The Resurrection of Our Lord -Easter Sunday; 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM





# YOU ARE INVITED!

Saturday, April 9  
@10:00 AM



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## Resurrection Run

Sunday, April 17

**7:00 AM Outdoor sunrise service**  
**(Race starts at 7:40 AM)**

Registration is open for the **Resurrection Run** on April 17, 2022. Runners can run in person from St. Paul Weston, or run virtually whenever or wherever they would like. Registration cost: \$35.00 (Online Registration) Registration on Easter morning: \$40.00

1. Resurrection Run T-shirt & Finishing Medal (First 200 registrations)
2. 5K run through Tequesta Trace Park
3. <http://stpaulweston.com/rezrun/> to register