

# Questioned For Christ

Mid Week Lenten Service  
April 1, 7:30 PM

“A Question of Authority”

*Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Matthew 28:18*

## Opening Hymn

## “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420 Verses 1



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

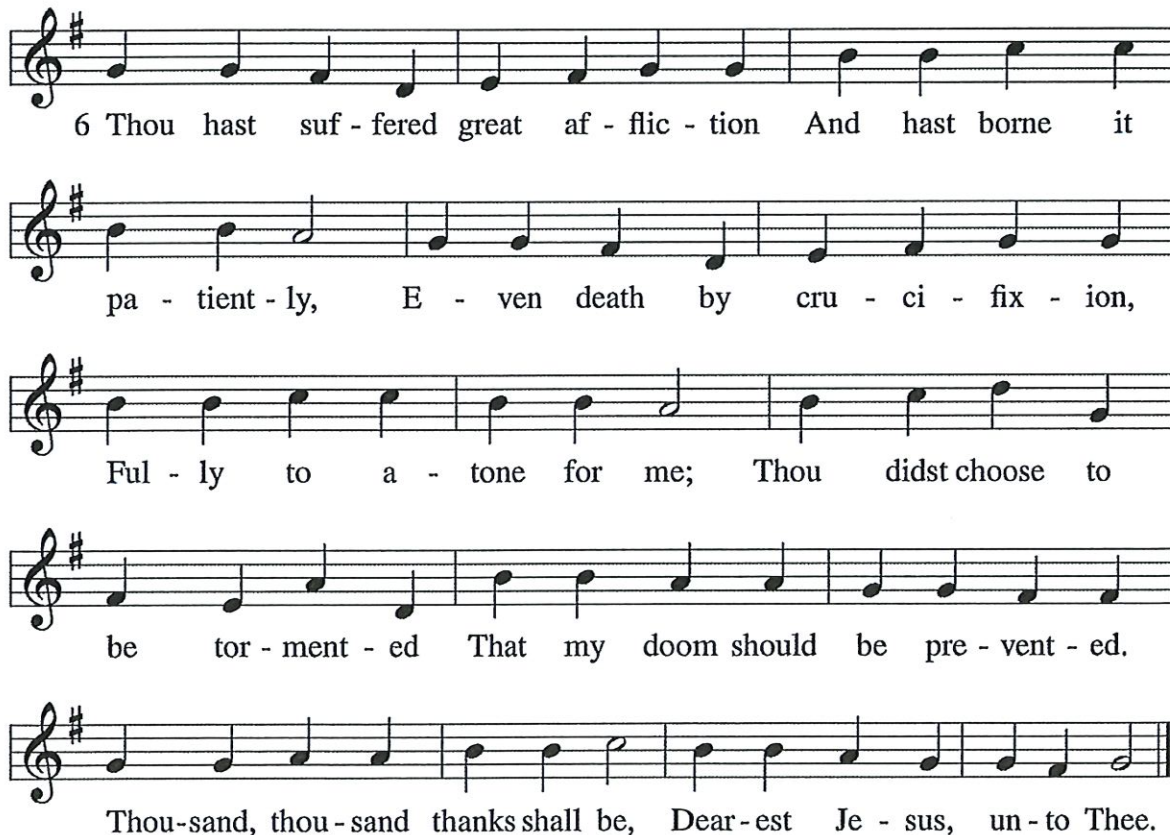
## Opening Verses

- P** *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for your sake he became poor,*
- C** **So that you by his poverty might become rich.**
- P** *He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- C** **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**
- P** *So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth,*
- C** **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** *Let us confess our sins and ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus, who was obedient to the point of death for us.*
- C** **Almighty God, although I know your commandments, I turn away from you to follow my own desires. Instead of listening to your Word, I listen to the temptations of the world. I claim loyalty to my Savior, yet I deny his lordship in my thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on me and forgive my sins for the sake of Jesus, my Redeemer and Lord.**
- P** *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Through the riches of God's grace toward you in Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*
- C** **We rejoice in the mercy of God and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## Hymn "Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 verse 6



6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** *Lord of lords and King of kings, we claim you as our sovereign Lord and pledge our allegiance to your authority. Yet we confess that many times we place ourselves on the throne of our own lives. Forgive us and keep us from trying to be our own masters and from lording it over others. Turn us to humility even as you humbled yourself on the cross. Teach us obedience that we might serve rather than be served. Amen.*

## First Reading

*Mark 14:42-52*

“Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks Be to God.**

## Second Reading

John 18:28-38

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks Be to God.**

**Drama**      *"The Interrogation of John"*

**Sermon**     *"A Question of Authority"*

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## Hymn of Response "Abide with Me"

LSB 878 Vs 1



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.

## Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

**P** King of kings and Lord of lords,

**C** Rule in our hearts.

**P** Jesus our King, you laid aside your glory and humbled yourself to be born among us. You endured the suffering and shame of the cross for us. King of kings and Lord of lords,

**C** Rule in our hearts.

**P** Jesus our King, as you rule over us in love and forgiveness, teach us to share your love and peace with others, especially those who are suffering in need or illness, in grief or loss. King of kings and Lord of lords,

**C** Rule in our hearts.

**P** Jesus our King, by the power of your Spirit send us out as witnesses for you, so that others will come to worship you as Lord. King of kings and Lord of lords,  
**Rule in our hearts.**

**P** Amen.

## 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.

## Benediction

- P** *Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*

- C** We go as ambassadors for Christ. We go with the Good News of forgiveness in his name.

- P** *God's Spirit goes with you to empower your words and sustain your witness.*

- C** We go in faith, knowing that Christ is with us always, even to the end of the age.

- P** *Go in the name of the Father and the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

## Closing Hymn "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" LSB 883 Verses 1 & 6



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
△ 6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



bless - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.