

HIS FINAL STEPS

LED TO A DINNER CELEBRATION

Midweek Lenten Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

March 29, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring ("lengten," the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. It is a time of repentance and renewal. During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord's suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are ones lived in the certain hope of the resurrection. The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns and carried a cross for us.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Jesus my Savior, you rule over all things with your unlimited power. Guide me tonight to see the times I doubt your power, especially the power of your love shown in your humble and willing sacrifice for me. Renew my zeal for you with the knowledge of you emptying yourself for my sake that I can give all that I am for your sake. In your name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



HIS FINAL STEPS

In our Lenten services, we will walk with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross. How humbling and comforting to learn that Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead. Yet Jesus took his final steps to the cross for you and for me.

OPENING HYMN

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing | 111



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, Which be -
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing All our
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en While up -
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, We may
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion Fix our



fore the cross we spend, Life and health and peace pos -
sins on Je - sus laid; Here we see re - demp - tion
on the cross we gaze, See our tres - pass - es for -
to the Sav - ior cleave, Naught with him our hearts di -
hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full sal -



sess - ing From the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
flow - ing From the sac - ri - fice he made.
giv - en, And our songs of tri - umph raise.
vid - ing, All for him con - tent to leave!
va - tion And your un - veiled glo - ry view.

please stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

ABSOLUTION

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in
newness of life.

C: Amen.

be seated

CHOIR

Father Forgive Them

PSALM

Psalm 139b, p.117



O LORD, you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;*
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;*
your eyes saw my unformed body.

Refrain

All the days ordained for me*
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!*
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,*
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**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.**

Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY

Lesson Five





1 Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, who had died, the one Jesus raised from the dead. ²They gave a dinner for him there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.

³Then Mary took about twelve ounces of very expensive perfume (pure nard) and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him, said, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶He did not say this because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. He held the money box and used to steal what was put into it.

⁷Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She intended to keep this for the day of my burial. ⁸Indeed, the poor you always have with you, but you are not always going to have me."

⁹A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, ¹¹because it was on account of him that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

OFFERING

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).





1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

please stand

PRAYER

M: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

M: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

M: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

M: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

M: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

M: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

M: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. 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.

BLESSING

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts | 128



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the



al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful



peace Or wash a - way the stain.
name And rich - er blood than they.
stand And lay on him my sin.
tree— I know my guilt was there!
voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

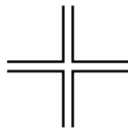
THE SON OF MAN

did not come to be served

BUT TO SERVE

and to give his life as a

RANSOM FOR MANY





SERVING IN WORSHIP

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