

Mid-Week 4
March 15, 2023



JERUSALEM AT PASSOVER A LENTEN TOUR

FOURTH STOP THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST

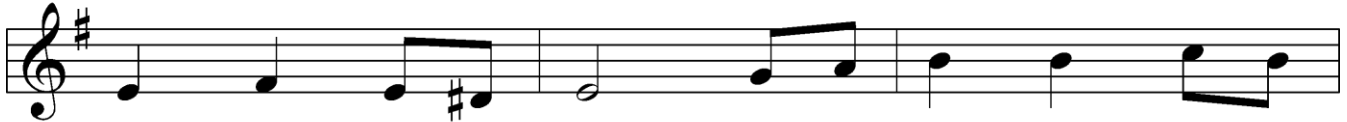
OPENING HYMN 451 STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt. Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn Text and tune: Public domain

OPENING DIALOG READ RESPONSIVELY

Pastor Grace and peace to you in the name of our Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit.

People Praise be to our God, who is gracious and merciful.

Pastor Seek the Lord while he may be found.

People Call on him in the day of trouble, and he will answer you.

Pastor Let the wicked be thwarted.

People Let the unrighteous turn from their ways.

Pastor Let them turn, O Lord, to you.

People For you are gracious and forgiving.

Pastor Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

People And he who has no money, come, buy and eat.

Pastor Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People Praise be to our generous and compassionate God.

PSALM RESPONSORY PSALM 62

Pastor For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Pastor How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

People They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

Pastor For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Pastor Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

People Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Pastor Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

People and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

THEME HYMN TO THE TUNE OF “GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE”

**In the steps our Savior trod
Let us follow faithfully,
Where the sinless Son of God
Went to set us sinners free;
Mark each footstep in the strife
Of the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

**Join him in the courtyard there
Whom the Lord has named “the Rock”;
When denial brings despair,
Hear the crowing of the cock!
Jesus suffers yet within
To redeem the soul from sin.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:57-68 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. (58) And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with

the guards to see the end. (59) Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, (60) but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward (61) and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" (62) And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" (63) But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." (64) Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." (65) Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. (66) What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." (67) Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, (68) saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

HYMN 700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87 Text and tune: Public domain

HOMILY “The Palace of the High Priest “Matthew 24:1-14

PRAYERS

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Pastor Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained

in houses built by human hands, You have been pleased to dwell among Your people with the fullness of Your glory through the Means of Grace. Grant us forgiveness so that we may hear Your Holy Word with cleansed hearts and praise Your name with pure voices, until at last You bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Lamb is the temple and we unite with all the saints and angels in Your praise forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

Pastor Compassionate Lord, You graciously take into Your fatherly care all who are in trouble, temptation, affliction, adversity, and the peril of death. Comfort them, O God, with Your Spirit that they may patiently endure their trials and be preserved to everlasting life. Hear us especially for [*names*]. Support them with Your everlasting arms that in their weakness and at the hour of their death they may know Your strength and be granted a peaceful end and a joyful entrance into Your kingdom in the resurrection of the body; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People Amen.

CLOSING VERSE TO THE TUNE OF “GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE”
(a preview of next week)

To the judgment hall press on
With the crowd that waits outside
Crying verdict on God’s Son:
“Let this man be crucified!”
“Let it be,” the judge commands;
“Of this guilt I wash my hands.”

Next week:

Fifth Stop The Fortress Antonia

THE FORTRESS ANTONIA is the local seat of Roman government. Here we will tour the military barracks of the occupation police force (the army which has brought Roman peace, law, and culture to the whole world!), visit the cell block where notorious criminals are incarcerated, and also observe THE PAVEMENT, the civil court where Roman justice is administered. If possible, this visit will be scheduled at a time when a civil trial is in progress.

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