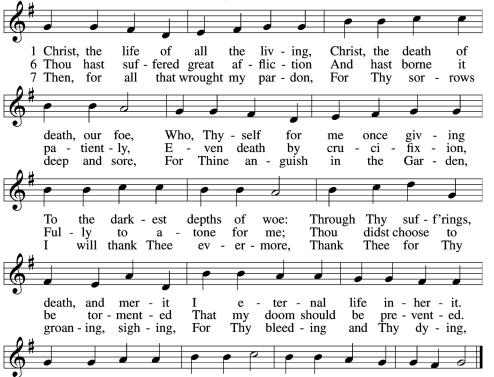
JERUSALEM AT PASSOVER A LENTEN TOUR

LENT 4 • FIFTH STOP • FORTRESS ANTONIA





Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un-to Thee. For that last tri - um-phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt 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 2

Pastor Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

Pastor against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

People "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Pastor He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

People Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

Pastor and terrify them in his fury, saying,

People "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Pastor I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have

begotten you.

People Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth

your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in

pieces like a potter's vessel."

Pastor Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

People Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Pastor Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is

quickly kindled.

People Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

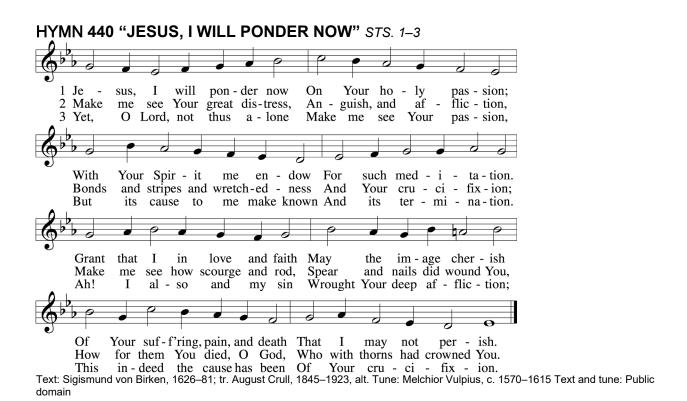
THEME HYMN ... TO THE TUNE OF "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

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.

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."

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:15-16 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. (16) And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion.



 Let me view your pain and loss with repentant grieving, Nor prepare again your cross by unholy living.
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.

HOMILY "The Fortress Antonia" Mark 15:15-16, Matthew 27:27

PRAYERS

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Holy Lord, pride led us to rebel against You and choose our own way instead of Your gracious path. Keep us from hubris and pride, lest in thinking too highly of ourselves, we turn away from Your mercy again. Instill within us the humble heart of faith that trusts in Your Word and bear within us the obedience of faith that delights to follow where You have led, so that we may be found blameless and holy when Christ comes again in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen

Pastor Lord God, You are the strength of the weak, the consolation of those who

suffer, the peace of those troubled, and the hope of those in the hour of death. Deliver, we pray You, all whom we name before You that, according to Your will, their sickness may be turned to health, their sorry into joy, and their anxious hearts may rest in peace. Hear us on behalf of [names] and all whom we name in our hearts [silence]; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

ALL

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

BLESSING

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)

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" so he cries. Bows his head, and —lo, he dies.

Next week: Sixth Stop • Skull Hill

SKULL HILL, outside Jerusalem, offers a panoramic daytime view of the Holy City from a different perspective. The site of Roman executions (although it is unlikely that we shall be able to view any during the holiday season of good will) is a forceful reminder of the advantages of The Great Roman Peace which seeks to make the Empire a safer place in which to live and allows all people to practice their own religion as they see fit, without government interference or persecution.

By Arden W. Mead. © 1980/2012 by Creative Communications for the Parish, 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. 1-800-325-9414. www.creativecommunications.com. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA.