

JERUSALEM AT PASSOVER A LENTEN TOUR

LENT 4 • FIFTH STOP • FORTRESS ANTONIA

OPENING HYMN 420 CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING STS. 1, 6–7

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
 deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,

To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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 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.

HYMN 440 "JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW" STS. 1-3



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615 Text and tune: Public domain

4. **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.

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