

Mid-Week 6
March 29, 2023



JERUSALEM AT PASSOVER A LENTEN TOUR

LENT 6 • SIXTH STOP • SKULL HILL

OPENING HYMN 423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel
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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 116

Pastor I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Pastor Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

People For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Pastor What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

People I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

Pastor I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his
people,
People in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O
Jerusalem.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE

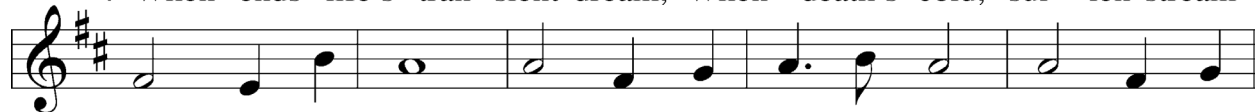
Matthew 27:32-44 As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. (33) And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), (34) they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. (35) And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. (36) Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. (37) And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." (38) Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. (39) And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads (40) and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save

yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” (41) So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, (42) “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. (43) He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” (44) And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

HYMN 702 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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HOMILY Skull Hill Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22. Luke 23:33 and John 19:17

PRAYERS

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacraments, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

People Amen.

Pastor Heavenly Father, ruler of all things and generous with mercy to all who call upon You, Your Son granted healing and relief to many who came to Him in their need. Mercifully come to the aid of Your servants for whom we pray now, [*especially . . .*], that in accord with Your will, they may be restored to health and given patience for the day of their trouble and hope at the last, until with a thankful heart they rejoice in Your presence with saints and angels in perfect healing; 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

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)

Early hasten to the tomb,
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom—
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes;
We, with him, to glory rise!

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