

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

3:15 & 6:30 PM Services

March 2, 2022



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AS WE GATHER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

My heavenly Father, I thank you through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, for graciously keeping me through this day. Forgive me all the sins that I have done against you, and graciously keep me through this night. I commend my body and soul and all things into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

(Luther's Evening Prayer)

WELCOME

"Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You"

Opening Hymn:

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Christian Worship, Hymn # 420

C Verse 1

♪ **Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.**

PLEASE STAND

OPENING VERSES

M The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C **Amen.**

M It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

C **to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**

M to herald your love in the morning,

C **your truth at the close of day.**

C Verse 1

♩ Before the ending of the day,

Creator of the world, we pray.

Your grace and peace to us allow

And guard and keep your people now. *(CW, Hymn #790)*

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.**

(Silent reflection and confession of personal sins.)

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.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

M We call on you, our God, for you will answer us. Show us the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you. Keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Psalm 17:6-8)

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Musical Offering:

3:15 pm service only

Lamb of God

SJSJ students grades 1—8

Verse 1

J Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN

J O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2

J Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN

(Congregation joins in singing verse 3 on the next page.)

C Verse 3

♪ I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be lead by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

REFRAIN

♪ O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

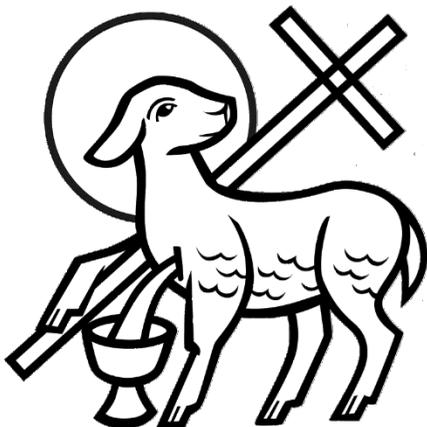
Passion History*

1. JESUS' READINESS TO SUFFER AND DIE

Lesson Response:

M This is the Passion* of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



* Passion—Jesus' suffering is often referred to as His Passion. The reference comes from the Greek (πάσχω) and the Latin (*passio*). In English it means to suffer, bear, or endure. Our English words "patience, patient" are related.

Hymn of the Day:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Christian Worship, Hymn # 425

** Verse 1  **Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.****

** Verse 2  **Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.****

** Verse 3  **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.****

Luke 22:31,32

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

PLEASE STAND

THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship as believers, and we proclaim his death until he returns. As we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, **St. John-St. James members** are asked to register with the ushers before or after the service.*

***Guests and visitors** wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with our pastor prior to the start of the worship service. We make this request out of a love for our Savior’s teaching concerning the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 10,11), and out of love for our guests, seeking only their spiritual good and blessing. We humbly ask for your respectful cooperation. May the Lord bless each of our communicants today with peace-filled hearts and a renewed spirit to serve and love their Lord Jesus.*

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord God, have mercy on me a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, Lord. I ask not assuming any worthiness on my part, rather I come in faith and at the invitation of your dear Son. Bless me through your sacrament, for his sake. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord’s Supper, we conclude our celebration.)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **Listen to my cry.**

M Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C **Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

M In righteousness I shall see you;

C **When I away, your presence will give me joy.**

M Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of the fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SONG OF SIMEON

C Verse 1 **In peace, Lord,**

**In peace you let your servant now depart
According to your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared for every people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles**

And the glory of your people Israel. *(CW, page 231)*

M Let us praise the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

M The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

G **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 404

G Verse 1

♪ **Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.**

G Verse 2 ♪ **Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Let me think about your passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

G Verse 5

♫ **O my God, my Rock and Tower,
Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power
Since you crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.**

BE SEATED

GUEST PREACHER

Next week we welcome Pastor Ross Henzi from Trinity, Brillion continuing our Lenten series: The Crucial Hours. He'll be preaching on Matthew 26:18 with the theme:

"I Will Keep the Passover"

A light supper will be served from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM before Wednesday evening Lenten services. These are wonderful opportunities to visit with friends, make new acquaintances, and enjoy someone else's cooking for the evening.

Our thanks to the PTO for helping to prepare and serve the meal this evening.

We hope you can join us for this special opportunity for fellowship.

Thanks to organist for our services today—Mrs. Charmaine Wagner.