

# THIRD MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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Jesus I Will Ponder Now...



... on Your Holy Passion

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## ✘ Gathering ✘

### OPENING HYMN

917 (st.2) – God Himself Is Present



2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;



see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and



an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:



hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.

*Stand*

### OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

### CONFESSION OF SINS

652 (st.1) – Lord, Have Mercy

*Sung by the Worship Team. The Congregation is invited to join as they feel comfortable.*

*For what we have done and left undone  
we fall on your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
we call on your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;  
for scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King;  
how deeply we need a Savior.*

#### **Refrain I**

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Be seated**

For what you have done, your life of love  
 you perfectly lived, we praise you.  
 Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes;  
 you finished the work God gave you.  
 And there on the tree, a King among thieves,  
 you bled for a world's betrayal.  
 You loved to the end, our merciful friend;  
 how pure and forever faithful. (Refrain II)

**Refrain II**

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.  
 (Repeat)

**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, strengthen us when we face a world that says, "There is no God." As the world taunts us, create in us a thirst for you that will not be quenched until we are at home with you in heaven, where you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 42 – As the Deer

*Led by the Worship Team. The congregation can join to sing as they feel comfortable*



1 As the deer pants\_ for the wa - ter, so my  
 2 You're my friend, and\_ you're my broth - er, e - ven  
 3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly

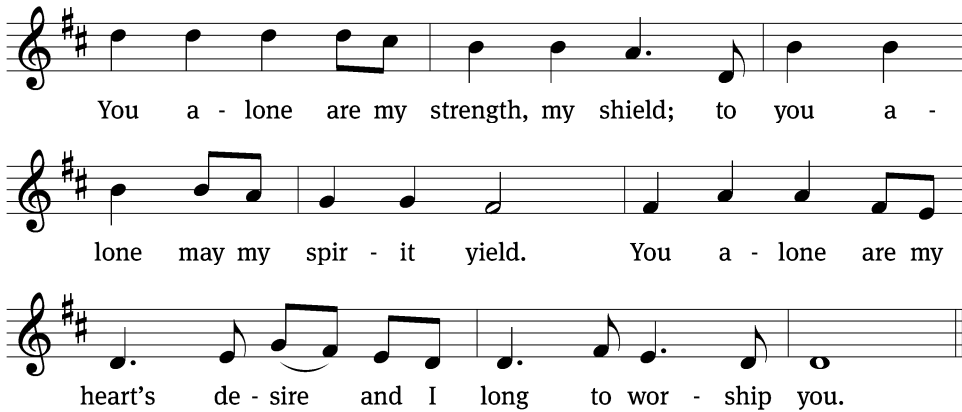


soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my  
 though you are a King. I love you more than  
 you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire\_ and I long to wor - ship you.  
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
 real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

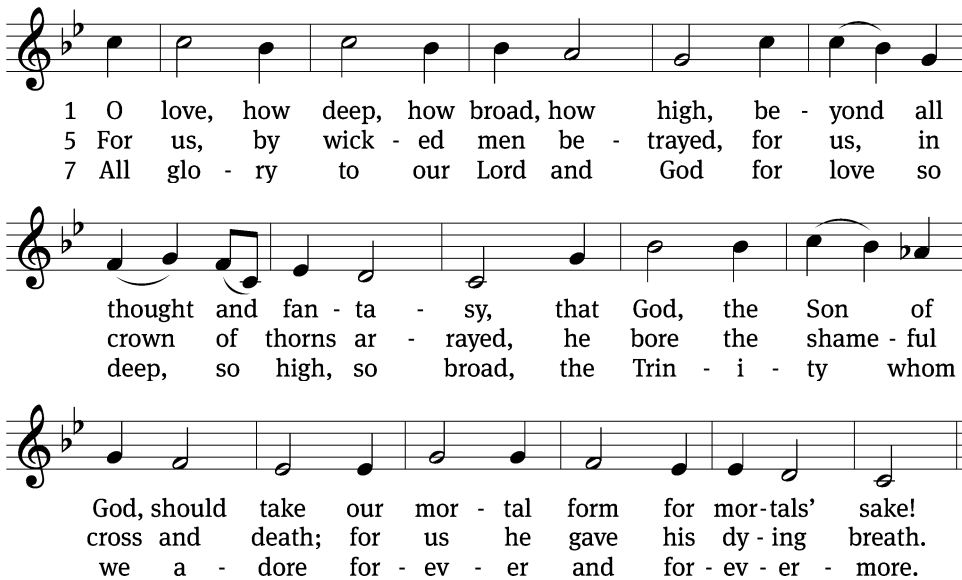


You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -  
lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

PASSION HISTORY READING

HYMN OF THE DAY

545 (st.1,5,7) – O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
5 For us, by wick - ed men be - trayed, for us, in  
7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so  
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
deep, so high, so broad, the Trin - i - ty whom  
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
cross and death; for us he gave his dy - ing breath.  
we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 26:36-46

*Pastor David Strucely (Atonement Lutheran Church, Plano)*

MATTHEW 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

## Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

### CONFESSION OF FAITH/CATECHETICAL READING

from the small catechism

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.**

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.**

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## ✠ Sending ✠

### PRAYER

*Stand*

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*Be seated*

# CLOSING HYMN

786 – Now the Day Is Over



1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh;  
2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;  
3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer watch - ing late in pain;  
4 Thro' the long night watch - es may your an - gels spread  
5 When the morn - ing wak - ens, then may I a - rise



shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.  
with your ten - d'rest bless - ing may my eye - lids close.  
those who plan some e - vil, from their sin re - strain.  
their bright wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.  
pure and fresh and sin - less in your ho - ly eyes.

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