

Vespers, Holy Tuesday
Anno Domini 2022
The Passion History Part III

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
 Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
 All the light of sacred story
 Gathers round its head sublime.

 - 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 Never shall the cross forsake me;
 Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

 - 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
 Light and love upon my way,
 From the cross the radiance streaming
 Adds more luster to the day.

 - 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
 By the cross are sanctified;
 Peace is there that knows no measure,
 Joys that through all time abide.
- Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Text: Public domain

Stand

Common Versicles

LSB 229

- L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

Psalmody - **Psalm 23**

¹The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

³He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup | overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Office Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;

Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long-expected Prophet,

David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it:

'Tis the true and faithful Word.

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.
- Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt. Text: Public domain

Readings

Passion History Part II. Gethsemane

When they had sung a hymn, he went out, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all be offended because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."

Peter answered and said to him, "Even if all the others deny you, I will never deny you."

Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

But Peter said more vehemently, "If I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And all the others said likewise.

They went over the brook Kidron and came to a place which was called Gethsemane. There was a garden there, and he went into it with his disciples. Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. And when he was at the place, he said to them, "Sit down here, while I go on ahead and pray. Pray that you do not enter into temptation."

He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be full of sorrow and turmoil. Then he said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Wait here, and watch with me." He went on a little from them, about a stone's throw. He fell on his face and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."

An angel appeared to him from heaven, strengthening him; and he prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." In agony, he prayed more earnestly, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done." His sweat fell on the ground like great drops of blood.

When he got up from prayer, he came to his disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, your will be done." When he returned, he found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of Man is

betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. Look, the one who betrays me is here.”

Even while he was saying this, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a detachment and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the place with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon him, went out to them and said, “Whom do you seek?”

They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am he.”

Judas, who betrayed him, had taken his stand with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus replied, “I told you that I am he. If I am the one you seek, then let these others go.” This was to fulfill the word he had spoken, “Of those you gave me I have lost none.”

Now he that was betraying Jesus had given them a sign, saying, “The one whom I shall kiss, that is he; seize him and be sure to take him away securely.” He went straight up to Jesus and said, “Hail, Master,” and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come? Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

They came then and laid their hands on Jesus and took him. When those who were about him saw what would happen, they said to him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

Jesus answered, “No more of that.” And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you imagine that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he will send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so? The cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink of it?”

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, and the captains of the temple, and the elders who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs to take me? When I was with you day after day teaching in the temple, you did not lay your hands on me; but this is your hour and the hour of the power of darkness. All this has happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

There was a certain young man who followed along. He had only a linen cloth about his naked body. They laid hold on him, but he slipped out of the linen cloth and fled away naked.

Then the detachment and its captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

LSB 231

L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

A sermon or catechesis may follow

Catechesis. **Your Will be Done.** Deacon Poe

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat

LSB 231

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty
away.

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke
to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Prayer The Evening suffrages

LSB 282

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

C **Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Opening Versicles

L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

The 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.**

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Afternoon/Evening

**L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
C and grant us Your salvation.**

LSB 283

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
 C **and let Your saints shout for joy.**
 L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
 C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
 L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 C **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**
 L Let the peoples praise You, O God;
 C **let all the peoples praise You!**
 L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
 C **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**
 L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
 L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
 C **let my cry come to You.**

Let us pray.

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

L Let us bless the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C **Amen**

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to you
 my heartfelt thanks and praise are due;

you have so lovingly bestowed
on me your body and your blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me today!
My Savior dwells within my soul
and makes my wounded spirit whole!

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