

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## As We Gather

*This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.*

*We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.*

*Today, we examine the motives and means of Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us? Although we have betrayed and handed over our Lord, God has caused Holy Scripture to be handed over to us, wherein we know all our sins are forgiven, for Jesus' life was given over to death for us.*

### 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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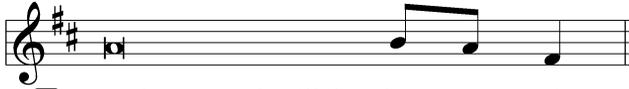
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*Stand if able*

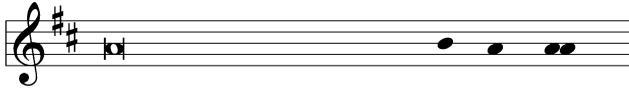




**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 41*

- P** As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against You!"
- C** **Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!**  
**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**
- P** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessèd in the land;  
You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- C** **The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;**  
**in his illness You restore him to full health.**

- P** As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”
- C** **My enemies say of me in malice,  
“When will he die and his name perish?”**
- P** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- C** **All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.**
- P** They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies.”
- C** **Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**
- P** But You, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- C** **By this I know that You delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**
- P** But You have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.
- C** **Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.  
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.**
- P** As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”

*Sit*

*Blessèd are those who  
have regard for the weak;  
the Lord delivers them  
in times of trouble.  
Psalm 41:1*



# Readings

## Reading

*Acts 7:48–53*

- L** A reading from Acts, chapter 7.

Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

“Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.  
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,  
or what is the place of my rest?  
Did not my hand make all these things?”

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*2 Timothy 3:1–5*

- L** A reading from 2 Timothy, chapter 3.

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Reading

*Mark 14:10–21, 32, 41–46*

**L** A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Lent)

*Psalms 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8*

**L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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# Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face

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MARTYRDOM  
Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And  
2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The  
3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -  
4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As  
5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive  
One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the  
neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and  
Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and  
ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.  
dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.  
set for loss; He sees us as His prize.  
all our fears And tear in two our pall.  
tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

## Sermon

## Canticle

*Stand if able*

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.



*"The Mighty One*

HAVE DONE  
GREAT THINGS  
FOR ME,  
AND HOLY IS  
HIS NAME."

LUKE 1:49, NRSV

## Magnificat (I – Men, II – Women)

Luke 1:46–55

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
**I** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
**II** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
**II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
**I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.  
**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.  
**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.**

*Sit*

## Prayer

*Kneel/Sit*

### Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### 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.

## Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Lent

**L** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Stand if able*

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

**C** A - - men.

# 878 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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