



The City of Jerusalem

St Paul Lutheran Church

7:00 PM Service

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Ash Wednesday The City of Jerusalem

Order of Service

See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes. Matthew 20:18

Invocation and Call to Worship

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of his love.

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C We walk with Jesus to the City of Jerusalem.

P Because Passover is coming.

C And the Son of Man will be crucified.

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where you guide!

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB #685 vv. 1 & 4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P Magnificent and merciful Father, because I walk into dark and dangerous places, hear me as I confess my sins.

C **My feet take me to places of compromise and sinful ambition.**

P My heart lingers in places of lust and lies.

C **My words take me to places of anger, rage and hatred.**

P My ears delight in going to places of gossip, deceit and ridicule.

C **My mind takes me to places of selfishness and pride.**

P My eyes lead me to places of envy and greed.

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C **I shall follow where you guide!**

Imposition of Ashes

Prayers of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-13

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

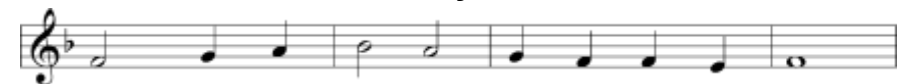
6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Reading

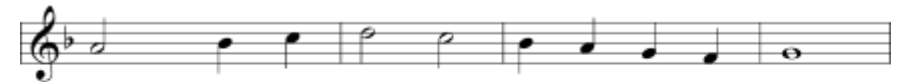
Matthew 26:1-5

1 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, 2 “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4 and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. 5 But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB #637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest,
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Sermon

Pastor Carey P. Elam

*“What is Christ’s Response to the Storm
Called ‘Sin’ In Our Lives?”*

Offering

Prayers of the People

P Onward in Christ’s footsteps treading, pilgrims here,
our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let
us do the Father’s bidding. And so we pray. Jesus,
you will finally deliver us from every storm so we lift
our prayers and raise our petitions to you.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from pride and arrogance, lest we fail to
acknowledge our sins and confess them.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver the world from the enemies of peace and
from injustice and give us good and faithful leaders
to protect the unborn and promote virtue.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver the erring from their darkness, the doubting
from their uncertainty, and the wandering from their
ways, and return them to you.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from the terror of death and the grave.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from selfish desire, from the tyranny of
things, and from the wasteful use of the resources
you have entrusted to our care.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from ingratitude for all your mercies and
restore our hearts to hope and joy.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Jesus, deliver us and bring us to the table of your
body and blood.

**C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.
Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

(Post-Communion Blessing)

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB #424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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