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Fourth Wednesday of Lent

15 March 2023 3:30 and 7:00 P.M.

Hymn

#387

Opening Sentences L=Leader (Pastor) G=Group (Congregation)

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, **G** to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
L to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** your
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber

me when you come in - to your king - dom.

G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -

to your king - dom.

Confession of Sins

(all spoken)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G: who made heaven and earth.

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

G: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words,
in our deeds, and in all the good that we have left undone.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver
us and restore us so that we may rest in peace.

L: Through the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in
Him we are fully forgiven. Let us rest in His peace until the rising
of the sun when we shall serve Him in newness of life.

G: Amen. We rest in the forgiveness of Christ.

L: Lord God, our refuge and fortress, Your faithfulness has protected
us through this day. Now send Your holy angels to guard us from
danger through this night. Give us peaceful rest, free from fear, that
we may wake refreshed to serve You,

G: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Response to Forgiveness

L In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your

hands I com-mend my spir - it. [L] You have re-deemed me, O
 Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com-mend my
 spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son (✕)
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your
 hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Passion History of our Lord

from Tuesday of Holy Week through early Good Friday morning,
 compiled from the four Gospels, abridged, part 3 of 5 (page 8 in booklet)

Jesus' Arrest and First Three Trials

Hymn

#110 (stanzas 1-3)*

Sermon

Hebrews 4:15

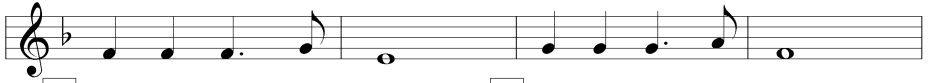
We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Skirmishes

Hymn

#129*

Preparation for the Prayers



L Hear my prayer, O Lord.

G Lis-ten to my cry.

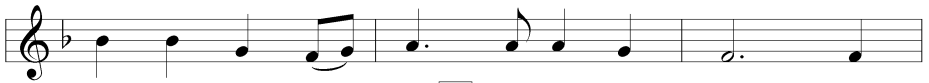


L Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. **G** Hide me



in the shad-ow of your wings.

L In right-eous -



ness I shall see you. **G** When I a - wake, your



pres - ence will give me joy.

Lenten Prayer

L: Holy and righteous Savior, during these mid-week Lenten services, as we walk the way of sorrows with You, we come face to face with the stark reality of our sinfulness and of Your hatred for sin.

G: The perfect world You created in the beginning has long since been corrupted and ruined by the sin of this world's inhabitants, including us.

L: Lent helps us realize that we deserve Your righteous wrath and anger because of our unkind and untruthful words, our impure and selfish thoughts, not to mention acts You forbid, which we did anyway.

G: Because we have no hope of saving ourselves from what we deserve, we come humbly before You, begging Your mercy for Your holy name's sake.

L: Help us use this Lenten season as a time of refreshment and reflection on the mercy You have shown us, O Savior Jesus Christ.

G: How grateful we are that Your loving sacrifice atones for the sins of the whole world, including ours.

L: Although it's not easy to consider the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, the death and punishment You took on Yourself, we know that because You took all these on Yourself—what love You showed!—we receive fellowship with You, glory, life and bliss, and the hope of an eternity free from the effects of sin.

G: How can we praise You enough, O Savior, for the forgiveness You have won for us? We ask for Your continued grace to remove from us any doubt that we are forgiven. Move us to follow You always.

L: Father of grace and mercy, You have worked in our hearts the faith to believe the good news that eternal freedom from sin's curse is a gift of Your grace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

G: May Your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow Jesus to the cross.

L: As we contemplate the story of our Savior's Passion, build us up in our faith and lead us to trust in You more fervently. Renew in us the zeal to serve You by reflecting Your love to all people.

G: Enable us to be bold proclaimers of this grace in which we stand so that all for whom You lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in Your presence forever.

L: Hear us according to Your promise, for Jesus' sake, who also taught us to pray...

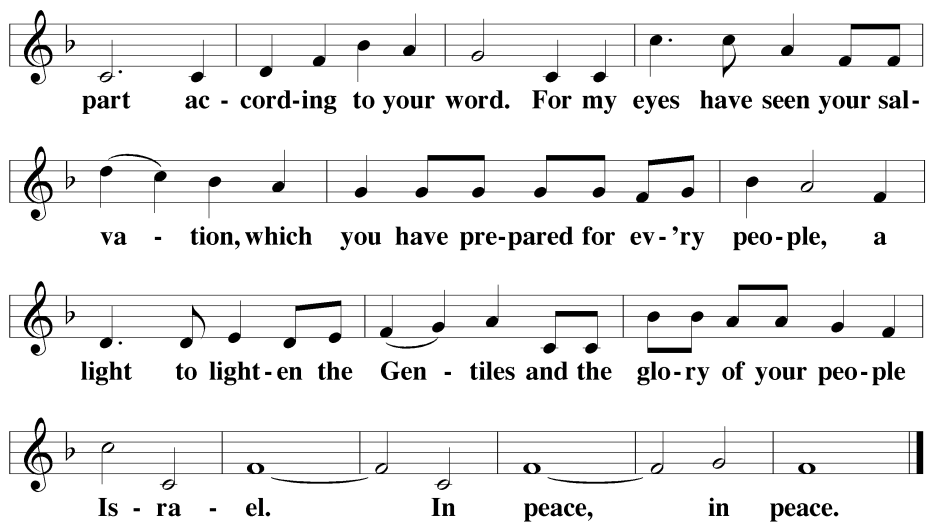
Lord's Prayer

G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Canticle

L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, **G** and guard us sleep -
ing; **L** that a-wake we may watch with Christ **G** and a -
sleep we may rest in peace.
G In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant now de -



part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-
 va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev - 'ry peo-ple, a
 light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

Blessing

L: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit—bless and keep us always.

G (speaks): Amen.

Hymn

#588 (stanzas 1,2,3,7)*

Please return the “Passion History of Our Lord” booklets
 so they may be used next week.

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Serving the Lord and us:

Preacher: Pastor David Peters

Organist: 3:30 Joyce Zillgitt, 7:00 Sandi Rodman

A/V Techs: Chris Fischer, Kristi Gross

Ushers:

3:30 PM Vern & Mary Zimmermann

7:00 PM Rachel & Caden Fischer, Seth & Philip Harteneck

Lenten Supper group: Ladies Aid serving soup and sandwiches

Lent 2023 at St. John's

St John's is taking part in a pulpit rotation with our sister churches in this area. The sermon series is called "*The Son of God Goes Forth to War.*"

February 22 Hidden Warrior John 11:33-37 Pastor Nathan Cordes

March 01 Promised Warrior Isaiah 42:13 Pastor Daniel Reich

March 08 Reconnaissance Report Ephesians 6:12 Pastor Al Horn

March 15 Skirmishes Hebrews 4:15
Pastor David Peters from Our Redeemer in Wabasha and Grace in Nelson

March 22 Satan's Ally: the World John 18:38
Pastor Nathan Cordes

March 29 Rejected by Many Followers John 6:66-68
Pastor Daniel Reich from Trinity Lincoln and St. John Bear Valley

April 06 (Maundy Thursday) Pastor Nathan Cordes
Only Jesus Would Wash between our Toes John 13:1-7

April 07 (Good Friday) Pastor Nathan Cordes
Only Jesus Would Take Our Place in Hell Matt. 27:45-46

April 09 (Resurrection Sunday) Pastor Nathan Cordes
Only Jesus Can Roll Away Stones John 20:1-18