

Midweek Lenten Worship

March 15, 2017



BELLS AND WELCOME

The cantor/congregation sings the refrain.

Refrain:



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

Cantor The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears. **Refrain**

Cantor If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?
But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand. **Refrain**

Congregation O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek. **Refrain**

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.
C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M ♪ Lord Jesus, rejected by his own: Lord, have mercy.



All Lord, have mercy.

M ♪ Christ Jesus, our balm and healing: Christ, have mercy.



All Christ, have mercy.

M ♪ Lord Jesus, the life of all the living: Lord, have mercy.



All Lord, have mercy.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

All sing the refrain once more.



PSALM

Psalm 32, Hymnal page 78

PSALM PRAYER

M Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unending love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

Gethsemane

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed (*Isaiah 53:6*).

HYMN 115

He Stood before the Court

SERMON

Matthew 26:57-68, Bible page 997

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack



**It is Hidden in the Savior's
Rejection by His Own**

HYMN 397, vv. 1, 2

Just As I Am, without One Plea

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (3:30 pm)

Lamb of God, Lutheran Elementary School Grades 1 and 8

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

GOSPEL 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.

SONG OF SIMEON

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

M The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit—
 bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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