

# People of the Passion: WOMEN OF JERUSALEM



Evening Prayer  
Midweek Lent 3  
March 26, 2025  
7PM

# AS WE GATHER

## **Midweek Lent Theme**

This year's theme People of the Passion will focus on a different person or group of people as drawn from the passion reading from Luke's account in chapter 23.

## **Week Three: The Daughters of Jerusalem (Luke 23:26-31)**

Here is another section of the passion story that is unique to Luke's gospel and isn't spoken of in any of the other three Gospel accounts. In a day and age when the gift of children is something that is longed for and welcomed, Jesus now shares the opposite sentiment with these women, sharing that it would have been better to not have had children due to the evils in the world. These sentiments are still reflected in our society today with the ongoing challenge of raising faithful children in a world that sometimes seems so faithless.

**ATTENDANCE PADS:** We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

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**LENT HYMN SING**

*Lent hymns can be found in the Lent and Holy Week sections of the hymnal, LSB 418-456*

*Please stand for the opening hymn.*

**HYMN:** Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.**
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT** *LSB 245*

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

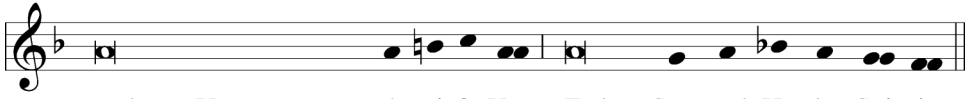
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of

fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

### PSALMODY

**PSALM 141** LSB 245 — *The congregation sings the psalm in its entirety.*



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



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



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**READING:** Psalm 22:1-2, 6-7, 9-11, 16-23, 27-31

*Please sit*

**L** A reading from Psalm 22.

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- <sup>9</sup>Yet You are He who took me from the womb;  
You made me trust You at my mother's breasts.
- <sup>10</sup>On You was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb You have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;
- <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup>But You, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O You my help, come quickly to my aid!
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- <sup>22</sup>I will tell of Your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.
- <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and He rules over the nations.



<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve Him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that He has done it.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**READING:** Luke 23:26-31

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 23.

And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

# HYMN: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

## SERMON

## CANTICLE

### MAGNIFICAT

LSB 248

*Please Stand*



My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -

joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the

Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

- 1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.
- 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;

- 1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

- 1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessèd.
- 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
- 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
- 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
- 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

## OFFERING

*Please Sit*

*As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.*

## VOLUNTARY: Glory Be to Jesus

*G. Winston Cassler*

## PRAYER— *Please stand*

### LITANY *LSB 249*

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



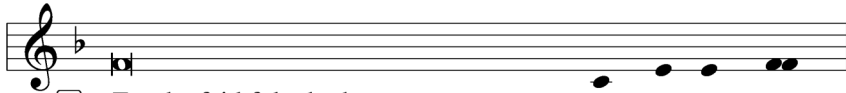
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [name of president or monarch], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

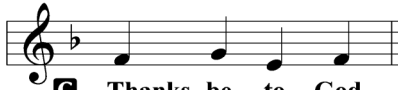
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

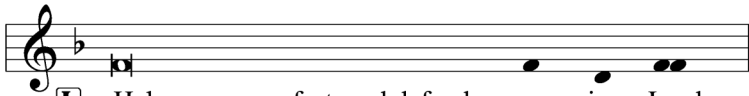
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

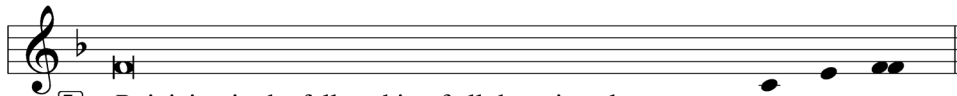


**C** Thanks be to God.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *LSB 251*

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**BENEDICAMUS** *LSB 252*



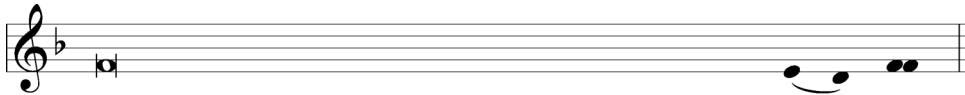
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 252*



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
 the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

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**CLOSING HYMN: Upon the Cross Extended**

LSB 453, sts. 1, 3-5, 7



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils  
 5 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, Your head with  
 7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.  
 thorns sur - round - ed, You died to ran - som me.  
 pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is  
 The cross for me en - dur - ing, The crown for me se -  
 It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.  
 cur - ing, You healed my wounds and set me free.  
 tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

**SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES****POSTLUDE: O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen***Paul Manz*

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