



THE crucial Hours

They Bound Him John 18:12

Lent Midweek 3

March 16, 2022

Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns..

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Midweek Lent

OPENING HYMN: CW 98vv1,4-6.....Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

PLEASE STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M: If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in the darkness,

C: **We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

ALL: **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

Silence for private confession.

M: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

PSALM OF THE DAY: CWS Psalm 40 (*Cf. Worship Folder Insert*)

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, when the difficulties of life become more than we can bear and we find ourselves sinking into despair, put our feet back on the rock of your righteousness. You obeyed your Father's will on our behalf. When Satan would lead us to despair, give us confidence to cry, "My Savior lived and died for me!" In his name we pray.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PASSION READING LESSON TWO

LEADER: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

CONGREGATION: Then he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

LEADER: "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant,^a which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."^b

MEN: "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

CONGREGATION: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

WOMEN: Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?"

CONGREGATION: Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

^a As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15

^b Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

MEN: Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

LEADER: Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

WOMEN: Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

LEADER: Then Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!”

MEN: But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

WOMEN: And all the other disciples said the same.^a

LEADER: Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

CONGREGATION: “Nothing,” they answered.

LEADER: He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’^b; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

CONGREGATION: The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”

MEN: “That’s enough!” he replied.^c

LEADER: Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’^d But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”^e

^aMatthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38

^bIsaiah 53:12

^cLuke 22:35-38

^dZechariah 13:7

^eMatthew 26:31-32

WOMEN: When they had sung a hymn, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it.

MEN: Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.^a

LEADER: On reaching the place, he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray that you will not fall into temptation.”

WOMEN: He took Peter, James, and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

LEADER: Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

CONGREGATION: He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down, and prayed,

MEN: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet now my will, but yours be done.”

WOMEN: When he rose from prayer and went back to his disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

LEADER: “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

MEN: He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

WOMEN: When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

CONGREGATION: So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

LEADER: An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

^aJohn 18:1-2; Matthew 26:30,36

MEN: And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly,

WOMEN: and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

LEADER: Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”^a

CONGREGATION: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived.

WOMEN: With him was a large crowd armed with torches, lanterns, swords, and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Judas was leading them.

MEN: Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

CONGREGATION: “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied!

LEADER: “I am he,” Jesus said.

WOMEN: (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

LEADER: Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

CONGREGATION: “Jesus of Nazareth,” they said.

MEN: Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.”

WOMEN: This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

CONGREGATION: Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

LEADER: Jesus asked him, “Judas are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

^aMatthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

WOMEN: The men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"

MEN: Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servan's name was Malchus.)

LEADER: But Jesus answered, "No more of this! Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions^a of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

WOMEN: And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

CONGREGATION: In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled."

MEN: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

LEADER: Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.^b

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All: 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.

HYMN: CW 100.....A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

They Bound Him

John 18:12

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him

^aRoman *legion* contained as many as six thousand soldiers

^bMatthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-54; John 18:1-14

PLEASE STAND

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THANK OFFERING HYMN: CW 485vv1,2.....We Give Thee but Thine Own

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.**

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*Cf. worship folder insert*)

EVENING PRAYER

ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 333vv1,2,6.....Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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