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Lenten Midweek 3



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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*“My soul is overwhelmed
with sorrow to
the point of death.
Stay here and keep
watch with me.”*

Matthew 26:38, NIV



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As We Gather

While the disciples sleep, Jesus in prayerful agony, shrinks from His coming ordeal and yet submits to His Father's will. Without focus on Jesus and His agony in the garden, we easily succumb to temptation. Yet, He comes to us, again and again, to strengthen us against temptation.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 155 – Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5, 7-9; 2:2; Hebrews 4:16

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 3

- P** LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!
C **Many are they who rise up against me.**
P Many are they who say of me,
C **“There is no help for him in God.”**
P But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
C **My glory and the One who lifts up my head.**
P I cried to the LORD with my voice,
C **And He heard me from His holy hill.**
P I lay down and slept;
C **I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.**
P I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
C **Who have set themselves against me all around.**
P Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God!
C **For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.**
P Salvation belongs to the LORD.
C **Your blessing is upon Your people.**

Passion History

Gethsemane

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to Him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same. And He said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about Me has its fulfillment.” And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

Then Jesus went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, about a stone's throw away, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow. Then He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the Twelve. And Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns, swords, torches, and weapons. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard." Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." And when Judas came, he went up to Him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed Him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" Then Simon Peter, having

a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so? Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?" And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled. And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. But Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

TLH 159 – Go to Dark Gethsemane

³⁹ Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”



Sermon

Sleepy Tears

Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
 King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
 Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -
 scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my
 hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

Hymn

TLH 446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

TLH 560 – Gracious God, Again is Ended

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TLH 155 – Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

1 John 1: 7
Walter Shirley, 1770, ad., alt.

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Ringe recht
"Musikalischer Christenschatz"
Basel, 1745



1 Sweet the mo-ments, rich in bless-ing, Which be-fore the cross we spend,
2 Here we rest in won-der, view-ing All our sins on Je-sus laid;
3 Here we find the dawn of heav-en While up-on the cross we gaze,



Life and health and peace pos-sess-ing From the sin-ners' dy-ing Friend.
Here we see re-demp-tion flow-ing From the sac-ri - fice He made.
See our tres-pass-es for-giv - en, And our songs of tri-umph raise. A-men.



- 4 Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,
All for Him content to leave!
- 5 Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation
And Thine unveiled glory see.

TLH 159 – Go to Dark Gethsemane

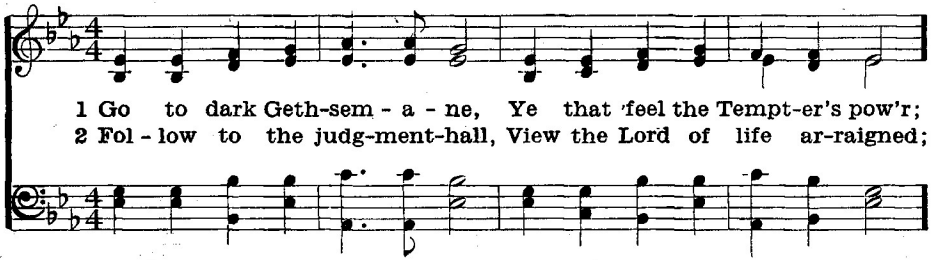
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Lam. 3: 19

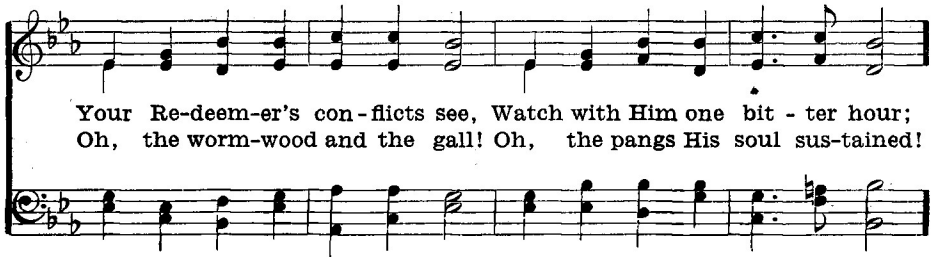
James Montgomery, 1820, 1825

Gethsemane

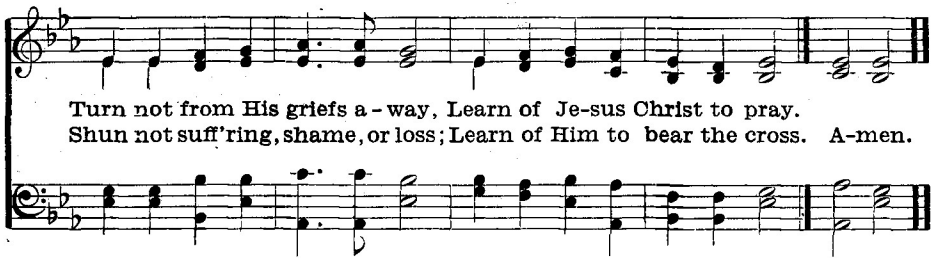
Richard Redhead, 1855



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, Ye that 'feel the Tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment-hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;



Your Re-deem-er's con-flicts see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained!



Turn not from His griefs a - way, Learn of Je-sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross. A-men.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom,—
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

TLH 446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Matt. 26: 41

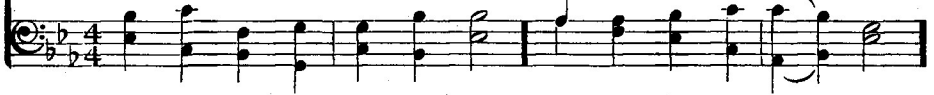
Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit
 Johann B. Freystein, 1697, cento
 Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

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Straf mich nicht!
 "Kirchen- und Hausbuch"
 Dresden, 1694



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, From thy sleep a - wak - en;
 2 Watch a-against the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find thee;
 3 Watch! Let not the wick-ed world With its pow'r de-feat thee.
 4 Watch a-against thy - self, my soul, Lest with grace thou tri - fle;



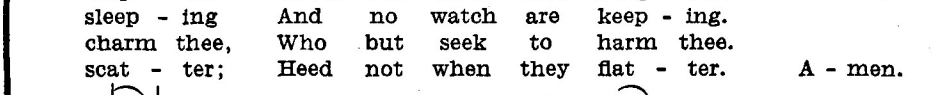
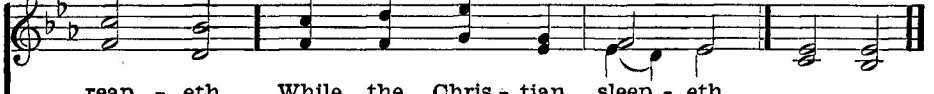
Be not by the e - vil day Un - a-ware o'er-tak - en.
 For in-deed no pains he spares To de-ceive and blind thee.
 Watch lest with her pomp un-furled She be-tray and cheat thee.
 Let not self thy tho'ts con - trol Nor God's mer-cy sti - fle.



For the Foe, Well we know, Oft his har - vest
 Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se - cure are
 Watch and see Lest there be Faith-less friends to
 Pride and sin Lurk with - in All thy hopes to



reap - eth While the Chris - tian sleep - eth.
 sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 charm thee, Who but seek to harm thee.
 scat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter. A - men.



5 But while watching, also pray
 To the Lord unceasing.
 He will free thee, be thy Stay,
 Strength and faith increasing.
 O Lord, bless In distress
 And let nothing swerve me
 From the will to serve Thee.

6 Therefore let us watch and pray,
 Knowing He will hear us
 As we see from day to day
 Dangers ever near us,
 And the end Doth impend,—
 Our redemption neareth
 When the Lord appeareth.

TLH 560 – Gracious God, Again is Ended

Ps. 121: 1

Herr, es ist von meinem Leben

Caspar Neumann, 1711

Recast by John T. Mueller, 1938

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Werde munter
Johann Schop, 1642



1 Gra-cious God, a - gain is end - ed Of my life an - oth - er day.
2 Faith - ful Fa - ther, thus be - fore Thee Now I come with fer - vent plea;
3 Lov - ing Sav - ior, I will sole - ly Look to Thee for peace - ful sleep;
4 Ho - ly Ghost, Thine eyes for - ev - er Watch tho' darkness hide the view;



Show me where I have of - fend - ed, Where I fal - tered on the way;
Tho' un - wor - thy, I im - plore Thee, Be Thou mer - ci - ful to me;
Sanc - ti - iy my spir - it whol - ly, An - gels send their watch to keep.
Wak - ing al - ways, fail - ing nev - er, They their lov - ing task pur - sue.



Let me by Thy grace di - vine View this sin - ful life of mine.
Let Thy face up - on me shine As the fleet - ing hours de - cline.
Bid all threat - ning foes be gone, Guard my home and all mine own;
Gen - tle Shep - herd, as Thy sheep Now re - pose in trust - ful sleep,



Calm - ly, as the day now clos - es, In Thy love my soul re - pos - es.
Help me do Thy will and plea - sure Day by day in full - er mea - sure.
Drive a - way all gloom and sor - row, Bless me with a glad to - mor - row.
So with - in Thine arms en - fold me, In Thy care se - cure - ly hold me. **A - men.**



5 Gracious God, let me awaken
To another blessed day
That I may, with faith unshaken,
Serve Thee as my Strength and Stay.
Should instead death's summons come,
Take me to Thy heavenly home.
To Thy care I thus commend me;
Lord, in life and death attend me.

