

# HIS FINAL SEPS

Led to His Father's House

# March 7, 2023



# Third Midweek of Lent

**WELCOME, GUESTS!!!** We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out the guest register in the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

The overall theme for the 2023 Lenten sermons is "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

# ORDER OF SERVICE: THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE — CLOSE OF THE DAY, P. 128 (ELH)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace as it ends.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

Who made heaven and earth.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

And put away your anger towards me.

Come quickly and save me O God, to deliver me.

Come quickly to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, now and forevermore. Amen.

\*\*Silence for Meditation\*\*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against you through my own fault, in thought, word, and actions. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.

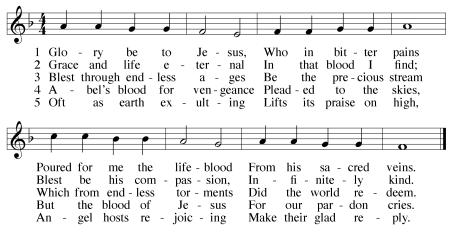
Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.

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.

Amen.

Нуми: #103

#### **GLORY BE TO JESUS**



6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76.

#### PSALM FOR THE EVENING

PSALM 8

\*\*Spoken Responsively\*\*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*

Set this glory of yours above the heavens.

From the lips of little children and nursing babies you have established strength because of your foes.\*

To put a stop to the enemy and the avenger.

Whenever I look up at your heavens, the works of your fingers,\*

The moon and the stars, which you have set in place.

What man that you remember him,\*

The son of man that you pay attention to him!

Nevertheless, you, make him suffer need, apart from God for a while,\*

But you crown him with glory and honor.

All flocks and cattle, and even the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea,\*

Which pass through the currents of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*

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 more. Amen

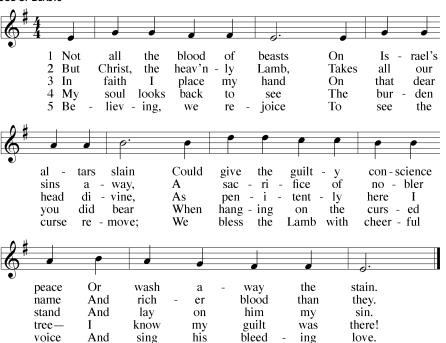
# **Psalm Prayer**

Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION READING: LESSON THREE

SERMON HYMN: #128

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540-91.

SERMON:

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His Final Steps led to His Father's House
MATTHEW 21: 12 – 17

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers!" The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonders he performed and heard the children calling out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant. They said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" "Yes," Jesus told them, "Have you never read, From the lips of little children and nursing babies you have prepared praise?" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

**OFFERING** — THE OFFERING PLATE WILL BE PASSED AT THIS TIME. **G**UESTS AND VISITORS—SHOULD YOU BE INCLINED TO GIVE, WE THANK YOU! KNOW THIS SERVICE IS OUR GIFT TO YOU.

\*\*Please Stand\*\*

## RESPONSORY PRAYER

Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

You planned his path to the cross,

and he followed it perfectly.

He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

In his suffering show us our healing,

in his grief show us our joy,

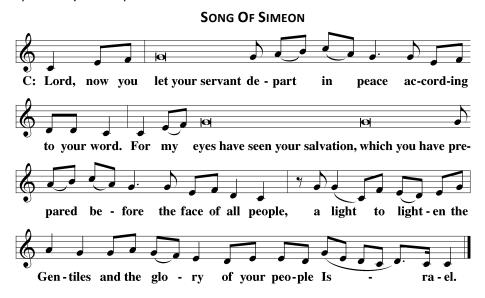
and in his death show us our life.

Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.



# Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†) the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you into this night and forever into eternity.



#121 **CLOSING HYMN** 

#### JESUS GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, abr.; tr. composite. Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter** – Would you like an opportunity to serve? We need flowers for our Easter celebration, 20 or more Easter Lilies for the sanctuary front. If you have not yet signed up here is your opportunity to add an Easter Lily (or two.) to our worship service, and you get to take yours home to enjoy afterward. They will need to be at church on April 8.

**Lenten Services** – the pastor created much confusion last week with the change of the Midweek services. We will worship on <u>TUESDAYs</u> at 7:00 pm, Sunday services for Palm Sunday and Easter will remain at 10:30 am with no Sunday School on Easter:

March 14: <b>Midweek 4</b> His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree	Mark 11:12-14,20-25
March 21: Midweek 5His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks	John 12:20-33
March 28: Midweek 6 His Final Steps Led to His Enemies	Luke 20:9-19
April 2: <b>Palm Sunday</b> His Final Steps Led to a Donkey	Matthew 21:1-11
April 6: Maundy Thursday: His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room	Mark 14:12-17
April 7: <b>Good Friday</b> His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull	Luke 23:26-33
April 9: <b>Easter Sunday</b> His <i>First</i> Steps Led Outside His Tomb	John 20:11-18

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