



# **HIS FINAL STEPS**

**Led to a  
Fig Tree**

March 14, 2023



Fourth 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.**

**HYMN:****#108****JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY**

1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Dare 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,  
 pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,  
 love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your  
 See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less  
 To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -  
 death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly  
 part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.  
 what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

**PSALM FOR THE EVENING****PSALM 4****\*\*Spoken Responsively\*\***

My righteous God, answer me when I call. When I was under pressure, you gave me relief.\*

**Be merciful to me and hear my prayer.**

You people, how long will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love empty delusions?\*

**How long will you pursue lies?**

Know this: The Lord has set apart his favored one for himself.\*

**The Lord will hear when I call to him.**

You may be upset, but do not sin.\*

**When you are on your beds, speak to your heart, but remain silent.**

Offer righteous sacrifices,\*

**And trust in the Lord.**

Many are saying, "Who can show us any good?"\*

**Shine the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

You have placed joy in my heart.\*

**Greater than the joy when grain and new wine are plentiful.**

In complete peace I will lie down, and I will sleep,\*

**For you alone, O lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**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 FOUR**

**SERMON HYMN:**

**#283**

**SPEAK, O SAVIOR; I AM LISTENING**



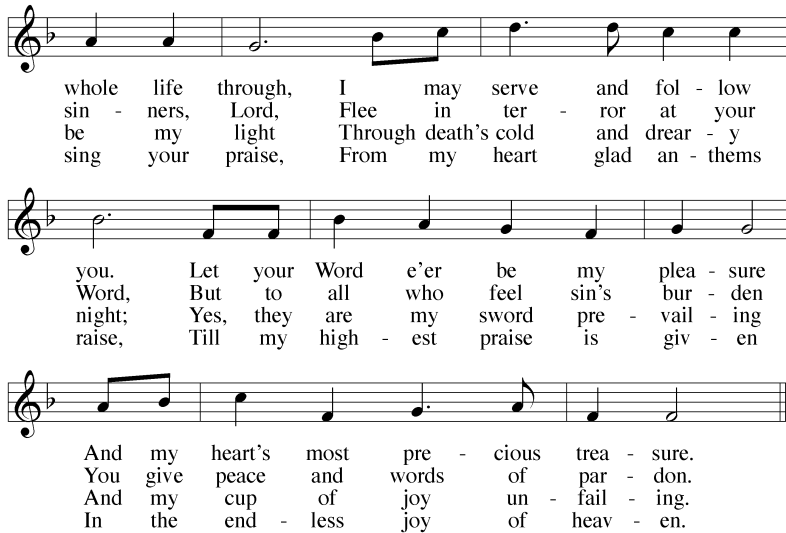
1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
be my light Through death's cold drear - y  
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
You give peace and words of par - don.  
And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.  
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

## SERMON:

## His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree

### SERMON TEXT

### MARK 11: 12 – 14, 20 – 25

**OFFERING – THE OFFERING PLATE WILL BE PASSED AT THIS TIME. GUESTS 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.

### **SONG OF SIMEON**



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

### **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.



C: A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

#472

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -  
2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -  
3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you  
4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -  
feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -  
tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's  
ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

## 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** – We will worship on **TUESDAYS** at 7:00 pm, Sunday services for Palm Sunday and Easter will remain at 10:30 am with no Sunday School on Easter:

March 21: **Midweek 5**.....His 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: **Palm Sunday** ..... 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: **Good Friday** ..... His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull ..... Luke 23:26-33

April 9: **Easter Sunday**..... His *First* Steps Led Outside His Tomb .....John 20:11-18

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