



HIS FINAL STEPS

**Led to
His Enemies**

March 28, 2023



Sixth 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.

The 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:

#110

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
to blind their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
life they sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.

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PSALM FOR THE EVENING

****Spoken Responsively****

PSALM 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*

For his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel say now:*

Yes, his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say now:*

Yes, his mercy endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say now: *
Under pressure I cried to the Lord. *

Yes, His mercy endures forever.

The Lord answered me. He set me in a wide-open space.
The Lord is with me. I will not be afraid. *

What can people do to me?

The Lord, who is with me, is my helper, *
It is better to take refuge in the Lord, *

So I will look in triumph on my enemies.
Than to trust in people.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord, *

Than to trust in human benefactors.

All the nations surrounded me, *

But in the name of the Lord I cut them off.

They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me, *

But in the name of the Lord I cut them off.

They surrounded me like bees, but they were extinguished as quickly as a fire of thorns. *

In the name of the Lord I cut them off.

You pushed me hard to make me fall, *

But the Lord helped me.

My strength and song is the Lord, *

And has become salvation for me.

Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the righteous: *

"The right hand of the Lord has done a mighty deed!

The right hand of the Lord is lifted high! *

The right hand of the Lord has done a mighty deed!"

I will not die. No, I will live, *

And I will proclaim the works of the Lord.

The Lord has chastened me severely, *

But he has not handed me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness. * **I will enter them. I will give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord. *

The righteous enter it.

I will give thanks, because you answered me, *

And you have become salvation for me.

The stone the builders rejected, *

Has become the cornerstone.

This is from the Lord. *

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made. *

Lay us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, please save us now.

O Lord, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he makes light shine on us. *

Bind the festival with branches as far as the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give you thanks. *

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *

For his mercy endures forever.

**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 Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. Because you overcame death itself, we will not die but live, and we will always proclaim your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


PASSION READING:

LESSON SIX

SERMON HYMN:

#115

HE STOOD BEFORE THE COURT



1 He stood be - fore the court On trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, The un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is

us; He met its pow'r to hurt, Con - demned to the
guilt; Our sins, our death, our hell— On these the
killed; The price is paid at last, The law of
done; We live, for he has died, Our con - dem -

face the cross— Our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and

y; Our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours; no an - swers come.
day Th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, A - live and free— his name be praised!

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SERMON:

His Final Steps Led to His Enemies

SERMON TEXT

LUKE 20: 9 – 19

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,

As we remember and believe 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.



CLOSING HYMN

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

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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.

Holy Week – We will celebrate with Jesus' triumphant entry April 2, Maundy Thursday – Pastor Emmons will be available throughout the day for private confession. That evening service will be at 7:00 pm as we leave with the stripping of the altar, followed by a service of darkness on Good Friday. As a reminder we will leave out on both days in silence.

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 TombJohn 20:11-18

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CLOSING HYMN

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STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED



1 Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

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