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joined us for worship.

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OPENING HYMN: #422

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (vs.1-4)

V1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
our guilt and evil bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth,
none else the burden sharing,
goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer;
bears shame and stripes and wounds and
death, anguish and mockery and saith,
“Willing all this I suffer.”

V2.

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
the Lamb of God, our Savior;
him God the Father chose to send
to gain for us his favor.

“Go forth, my Son,” the Father said,
“and free my children from their dread
of guilt and condemnation.

The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
but by your passion they will share
the fruit of your salvation.”

V3. “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I’ll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree;
I’ll do what you have asked me.”

O wondrous Love, what have you done!
The Father offers up his Son,
desiring our salvation.

O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave
who built the earth’s foundation.

V4. From morn till eve, in all I do,
I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.

To sacrifice myself for you
shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be
a current flowing ceaselessly,
your constant praise outpouring.

I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me,
your gracious love adoring.

INVOCATION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

CONFESSION OF SINS

C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

Silence for self-reflection

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

C: Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 22 (Selected Verses)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my
groaning?**

P: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: by night, and am not silent.

P: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

C: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

P: But I am a worm and not a man,

**C: scorned by men and despised by
the people.**

P: Yet you brought me out of the womb;

**C: you made me trust in you even at
my mother's breast.**

P: O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

C: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

P: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

C: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

P: For he has not despised or disdained
the suffering of the afflicted one;

**C: he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.**

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me." Amen.

Passion Reading

Part Two

Jesus' Agony of Soul in Gethsemane



The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

After Jesus had said this, he was deeply troubled and testified, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me – one who is eating with me. The hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.”

His disciples were very sad. They stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant, and began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. One after the other they began to say to him, “Surely not I, Lord?”

Jesus replied, “It is one of the Twelve. The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

The disciple whom Jesus loved was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

“What you are about to do, do quickly,” Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread on the night he was betrayed, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In this same way, after the supper he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” They all drank from it.

“My little 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. A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”

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

Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers."

But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

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

“Nothing,” they answered.

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’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

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

“That is enough,” he replied.

When Jesus had finished praying, and they had sung a hymn, he went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

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.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

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

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “today – yes, tonight – before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

Then Jesus went with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, a place called Gethsemane. Jesus and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

On reaching the place, Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, along with him and began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.

“Stay here and keep watch with me.” He withdrew about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and fell on the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will. Not my will, but yours be done.”

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

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.”

When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Returning to the disciples the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

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 OF THE DAY:

#425 **Go to Dark Gethsemane** (vs.1-4)

V1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

V2.

Follow to the judgement hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall,
oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

V3.

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 from Jesus Christ to die.

V4.

Early hasten to the tomb
where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Sermon Text

Zechariah 3:1-10



It Is
Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”

Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.’”

“ ‘Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.’”

“ ‘In that day each of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and fig tree,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”



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Finished**

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Sermon Theme

**Gone in a
Single Day**



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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see you;

**C: when I awake, your presence will
give me joy.**

P: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: #784

Now the Light Has Gone Away (vs.1-5)

V1. Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
asking you to watch and keep
and to send me quiet sleep.

V2. Jesus, Savior, wash away
all that I've done wrong today.
Make me ever more like you,
good and gentle, kind and true.

V3. Let my near and dear ones be
safe with you eternally.
O bring me and all I love
to your happy home above.

V4. Now my evening praise I give;
you once died that I might live.
All your precious gifts are free-
oh, how good you are to me!

V5. Ah, my best and kindest Friend,
you will love me to the end.
Let me love you more and more,
always better than before.



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The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

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