

Before the Darkness

The “Other” Days of Holy Week

(Still) Monday Morning:
Turning Tables



Lenten Midweek Vespers

Vespers

March 19, 2025

5:30 pm



welcome to trinity

*No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!*

HEARING ASSISTANCE - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS, We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family – with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY located on the 1st floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

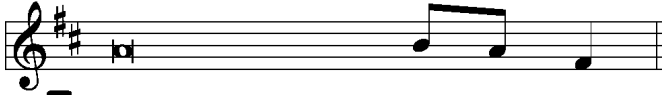
+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand

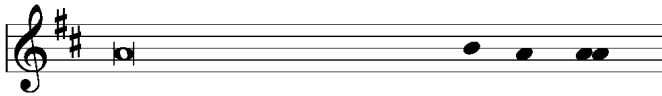
Opening Response



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

+ Service of the Word +

Please Remain Standing

Gospel

Mark 11:15-19

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’^[c]? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’” ¹⁸ The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. ¹⁹ When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn ~ *God Himself is Present*

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.
Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80
Text and tune: Public domain

Message

Turning Tables

Please Stand

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

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.**

Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Please Stand

Post-Communion Hymn ~ *Create in Me*

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn ~ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vv. 1 & 4) LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude

Next Week's Theme:

"The Power Dynamics of Worship"
(Tuesday of Holy Week)
based on Mark 12:38-44

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Wednesday 5:30pm

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A Sermon Series for Midweek Lenten Reflections

For our Ash Wednesday and midweek reflections this upcoming Lenten season, we'll explore the early days of Holy Week from Palm Sunday afternoon into Wednesday. This journey will correlate with our regular Sunday morning Bible Study, and build on the rising tension between Christ and the power dynamics of institutionally-minded religious systems.

Ash Wednesday: March 5

Theme: **Insight**
Palm Sunday Afternoon
Time: 6:30 pm
Reading: Mark 11:11,
cf. Mark 12:41-44 & 13:1

Midweek 3: March 26

Theme: **Power Dynamics of Worship**
Tuesday
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 12:38-40, 41-44

Midweek 1: March 12

Theme: **Prayer of a Fig Tree**
Monday Morning
Time: 5:30
Reading: Mark 11:12-14
Cf. Mark 11:20-26 &
Mark 13:28-31

Midweek 4: April 2

Theme: **In the Night**
Tuesday Afternoon
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

Midweek 2: March 19

Theme: **Turning Tables**
Still Monday Morning
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 11:15-18

Midweek 5: April 9

Theme: **Silence: The Day Before**
Wednesday
Time: 5:30
Readings: Psalm 62

We'll stick to our regular Holy Week schedule for Maundy Thursday (6:30 pm), Good Friday (Tenebrae, 6:30), and Easter Vigil (5:00).
Looking forward to walking through the Passion with you, and always –

Peace,



Josh Hatcher

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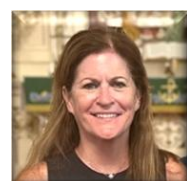
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