



*Jesus Our Great High Priest
Makes Us Priests*

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3rd Wednesday in Lent

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Order of Service – Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymn 98: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (v. 1, 3, & 6)

Prayers

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

Cong.: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You” (p. 55)



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice. O Lord, I
 call to you; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I
 cry to you. Let my prayer rise be-fore you as in-cense,
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

Prayer

P: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion History – Lesson Three

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them. Then Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am he," Jesus told them. Judas, the one betraying him, was standing with them. Then when Jesus told them, "I am he," they backed away and fell to the ground. Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they said. "I told you I am he," Jesus replied. "So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken, "I lost none of those you gave me."

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, "Whoever I kiss is the man. Arrest him." Immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus and arrested him. When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of

this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs, as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has happened, so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

The company of soldiers, the commander, and the Jewish officers arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews. "It is better that one man should die for the people."

Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in. The servants and officers were standing around a fire of coals they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter entered and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out. While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him."

When Peter went out to the entry way, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man." After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!" Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." And he went outside, broke down and wept bitterly.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said." When he said this, one of the officers standing there struck Jesus in the face. "Is that how you answer the high

priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I said what is right, why do you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" They answered, "He is deserving of death!"

Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?" The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

Seasonal Response for Lent

P: Here ends the Passion Lesson.

C: 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 109: When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

Sermon: *Jesus Makes Us Priests*

Sermon Text: **Hebrews 10:19-25**

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

"Song of Mary" (p. 57)

Offering

If you are a guest visiting us this evening, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We understand that you may want to know more about our ministry before supporting it with your gifts. If, however, you desire to give, you are welcome to do so.

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Lord, Have Mercy (p. 59)

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Prayer for Peace

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Simeon



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn 588: Abide with Me (v. 1, 3, & 7)

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Thank you to the church council for providing the meal this evening.

Thank you, Pastor Buschkopf, for leading us in worship this evening.

All are welcome to join us again:

Sunday, 4 March – Worship at 8 AM & 10:15 AM

Wednesday, 7 March – Supper at 5:30 PM & Worship at 6:30 PM

