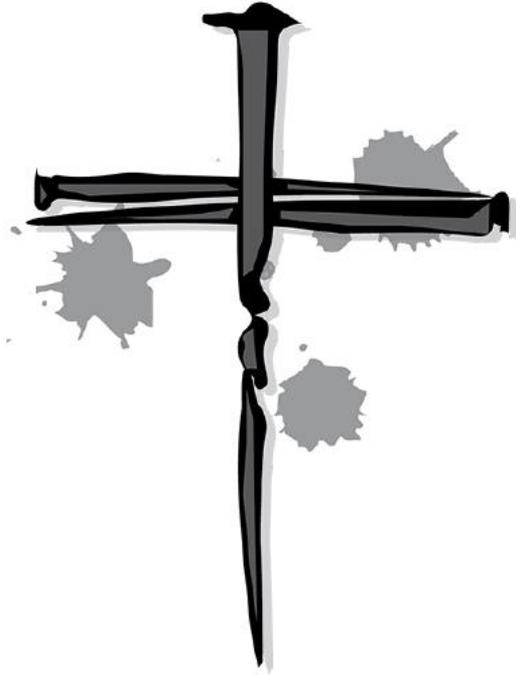


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What Is Truth?

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2nd Wednesday in Lent

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Order of Service – Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymn 99: Oh, Come, My Soul

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 Two

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They were very sad, and each one began to say to him, “Surely, not I, Lord?” He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping with me in the dish. For the Son of Man is going just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

The disciples started looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant. One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. So Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one he was talking about. Leaning back against Jesus, he asked, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus replied, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish.” Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.”

None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

"Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, but 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. Just as I have loved you so also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!" Jesus replied, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers." Peter answered him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you, tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And all the disciples said the same.

He said to them, "When I sent you out without money bag, traveler's bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they said. Then he said to them, "But now, whoever has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a traveler's bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'He was counted with transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He said to them, "That is enough."

Then Jesus said to them, "This night you will all fall away because of me, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. When he reached the place, he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation."

Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with

sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.” He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will. Not my will, but yours be done.” When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and 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. Look, my betrayer is near!”

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 116: In the Hour of Trial

Sermon:

What Is Truth?

Sermon Text: John 18:33-40

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and

for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

“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



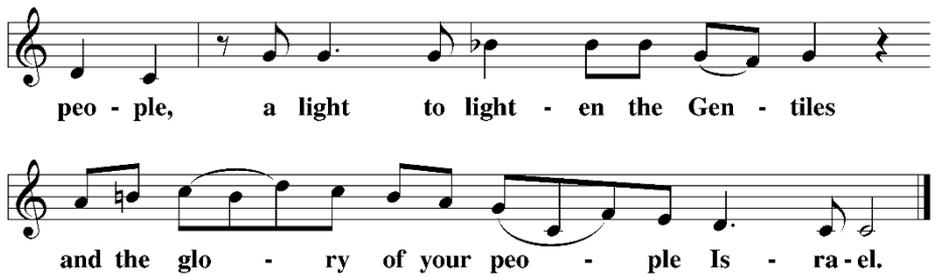
C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



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



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



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 590: God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

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Thank you to those who have provided the meal this evening.

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

All are welcome to join us again:

Sunday, 17 March – Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 20 March – Supper at 5:15 p.m. & Worship at 6:30 p.m.

