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## **MIDWEEK SERVICE 3**

**March 8, 2023**

*Special Guest: Pastor Jon Balge, St. Matthew*

### ***"O Trinity, Most Blessed Light" -Hymn# 591***

M: In the name of The Father, and of The Son(†), and of The Holy Spirit.

**Assembly: Amen!**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**Assembly: And my mouth shall declare Your praise!**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**Assembly: O Lord, come quickly to help me!**

M: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, according to Your will and promise, You sent Your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

**Assembly: You planned His path to the cross and He followed it.**

M: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the sting of death but was not deterred as He proclaimed Your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

**Assembly: As we hear the holy record of our Savior's passion death, use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.**

M: Humble us as we view our Lord in His humility. Help us remember and believe that He endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

**Assembly: In our Lord's suffering, show us our healing!**

M: In our Lord's grief, show us our joy!

**Assembly: In our Lord's agony, show us our forgiveness!**

M: In our Lord's death, show us our life!

**All: Hear our prayer for the sake of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY READING- #2

### SEASONAL RESPONSE

*All: He was wounded for our transgressions.  
He was bruised for our iniquities.*

*The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
and by His stripes we are healed.*

*-Isaiah 53:5*

### *“Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains” -Hymn# 102*

#### John 11:32-45 (and other selected verses)

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” He asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept! Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” He said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me!” When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go!” Therefore, many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him.

## HIS FINAL STEPS:

### *Led to a Tomb*

#### SILOAH'S LENTEN CREED

*All: I believe in God, The Father, Almighty, Who created Heaven, Earth,  
and all things. In order to save the world, He allowed His only Son to die  
on the cross.*

*I believe in Jesus, The Father's only-begotten Son, Who was  
conceived by The Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. Even though  
He lived an absolutely sinless life, He was subjected to ridicule, pain and  
suffering—for me and all people.*

*He was crucified under Pontius Pilate and died on the cross. He descended into Hell to proclaim His victory over the devil, sin, and death. On Resurrection Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and forty days later, ascended into Heaven. He will return to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in The Holy Spirit, who creates and sustains faith in my heart, and in the hearts of all believers. Through Word and Sacraments, The Holy Spirit will keep me, and all believers in a good and right relationship with God. I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. I gladly share my faith with others and joyfully await the eternal life which God has prepared for me and all those who love Him. This is most certainly true.*

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#### **THE 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.

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" -Hymn# 452:1&2*

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

M: Heavenly Father, during our Lenten journey and always, keep us focused on our Lord Jesus, Whose final steps led to a tomb. Empower our spiritual walk and help us to grow in faith and godly living. Teach us Your ways, O Lord and we will walk in Your truth. Give us an undivided heart, that we may fear Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

**Assembly: Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

M: May God's angels travel with you as you leave your Father's house. May God's Spirit live in you and work through you. May God's grace be yours, now and always.

**Assembly: Amen.**

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" -Hymn# 452:3&4*