



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church



“It is Finished!” The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Weekly Hymn Selections

February 25	111	100	321
March 4	372	106	594
March 11	114 v. 1-4	129	593
March 18	112	127	587
March 25	121	110 v. 1-5	592

Worship Leader & Theme Each Week:

February 25

Pastor Jacob Scott – Zion, Leeds
The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth – Zech. 8:14-17

March 4

Pastor David Horton – Eastside
Return to Me! – Zech. 1:1-6

March 11

Pastor Nathan Walther – Eastside
Look at the One who was Pierced – Zech. 12:10-13

March 18

Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion, Leeds
Scattered Sheep – Zech. 13:7-9

March 25

Pastor Michael Kampman – Risen Savior, McFarland
What’s He Worth to You? – Zech. 11:7-13

ORDER OF WORSHIP¹

OPENING HYMN

REMAIN SEATED

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life.

May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, you are our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress. With contrite hearts and troubled spirits we come to you for healing and help. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, that we may declare your praise and teach your saving ways, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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PSALM OF THE DAY

February 25 – **Psalm 6**, Christian Worship, p. 66

March 4 – **Psalm 25**, Christian Worship, p. 74

March 11 – **Psalm 32**, Christian Worship, p. 78

March 18 – **Psalm 38**, Christian Worship, p. 81

March 25 – **Psalm 51a**, Christian Worship, p. 86

READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

LESSON ONE

MINISTER: The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, “You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.” Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.²

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

CONGREGATION: They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”³

² Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6

³ Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-17

MINISTER: A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”⁴

MEN: Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.⁵

By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

WOMEN: Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

MINISTER: He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.”

Peter told him, “You will never, ever, wash my feet!”

Jesus replied, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”

“Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you⁶ are clean, but not all of you.” Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

CONGREGATION: After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen,⁷ I tell you: A servant is not

⁴ Luke 22:24-30

⁵ Or to the fullest extent

⁶ *You* is plural.

⁷ Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*. Here it is emphasized by being used twice. See FAQ #1 at wartburgproject.org/faqs/

greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”⁸

MINISTER: He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”⁹

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 began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”¹⁰

After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

MEN: The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

MINISTER: 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.”

WOMEN: None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, 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.

MINISTER: After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.¹¹ If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”¹²

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.

⁸ John 13:1-17

⁹ Luke 22:17-18

¹⁰ Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21

¹¹ Or Now the Son of Man was glorified, and God was glorified in him.

¹² John 13:21-32

HYMN

SERMON

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

While the offering is being gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

STAND

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father,**
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.**
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

M and C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, † to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”**

Psalm 122:1



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