

Wednesday Lenten Service
March 21, 2018



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin

Be Still, My Soul

About a hundred years after the time of Martin Luther (1483-1546), Europe was in sad shape. The continent was racked by the Thirty Years' War, which pitted Catholics against Protestants. The Lutheran church had lapsed into formalism and dead orthodoxy. People had stopped going to church.

Then God raised up what is known as the Pietist movement, a movement that was characterized by music, personal holiness, and missionary zeal. In the midst of this time of turmoil and discouragement, Katherina von Schlegel noticed the verse in Psalm 46 that says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

As God spoke to her, she wrote this great hymn. Whatever your circumstances, whatever your problems, you can find comfort in these great words.

Petersen, William J. & Petersen, Ardythe. *The Complete Book of Hymns: Inspiring Stories About 600 Hymns and Praise Songs*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishing, 2006

Jesus Christ Is Our Perfect High Priest

Opening Hymn 104

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

STAND

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **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.**

BE SEATED

Psalm 119c

(congregation sings all)

Printed on pg. 111 in the front of the red hymnal

Psalm Prayer

P: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Passion Reading for Week Six

Mark 15:16-47 (EHV)

Soldiers Mock Jesus, The Crucifixion, Jesus' Death, Jesus' Burial

P: Pastor

M: Men

W: Women

P: The soldiers led him away inside the palace, which is the Praetorium, and called together the whole cohort of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on him. The soldiers began to salute him,

M: **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

W: *They kept hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him. They also kneeled down to pay homage to him. When they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothing on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.*

P: A certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.” They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. They crucified him. And they divided his garments, casting lots for them to decide what each of them would take.

- M:** Now it was the third hour when they crucified him. The superscription stating the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” They also crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.
- P:** Those who passed by ridiculed him, shaking their heads and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross!”
- M:** In the same way the chief priests along with the experts in the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said. “He cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!”
- W:** *Those who were crucified with him also insulted him.*
- M:** When it was the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- W:** *When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”*
- P:** Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. They said,
- M:** “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”
- P:** Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he cried out and breathed his last, he said,
- M:** “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

W: *There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and served him. Many other women also came up with him to Jerusalem.*

P: It was already evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), Joseph from Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph. Joseph bought a linen cloth, took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth. He laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of rock, and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where the body was laid.

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.**

Sermon Hymn 103 **“Glory Be to Jesus”**

Sermon

Hebrews 5:7-9 (EHV)

Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

⁷ In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

Offering

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.

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.

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.

Closing Hymn 415 v. 1-2

“Be Still, My Soul”

Pastor: Paul Schupmann
Organist: Joan Hohenstein

Please join us for a meal in the church basement today
from 4:30-6:00pm.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25th

8:00 & 10:30am Services (with palm branches)

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

3:30 & 6:30 Services

Good Friday, March 30th

1:30pm Service of Darkness

6:30pm Tenebrae Service (Choir Service)

Easter Sunday, April 1st (Two separate services)

6:30am Sunrise Service

9:00am Festival Service

(breakfast served between services)