

HIS FINAL STEPS

MIDWEEK LENT 5

His Final Steps
Led to His Enemies

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Worship at 8am and
10:30am

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Sunday School at 9:15am

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Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **“Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **“Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life.”**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside your worship folder to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women’s and men’s restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christian Worship 920



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing-kind - ness,
ask to gain; what they gain from you for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659–1695, adapt.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

PSALM

Let Us Rejoice

Christian Worship Psalm 118E

The congregation may join to sing the refrains, and Pastor will sing the verses.

Refrain

This is the day the LORD has made, let us re -
joice and be glad! This is the day the LORD has
made, let us re - joice and be glad!

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.*
Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever." **Refrain**

Verse 2: *The hand of the LORD has struck with power, his right hand is exalted; I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the LORD.* **Refrain**

Verse 3: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes.* **Refrain**

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PSALM PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. Because you overcame death itself, we will not die but live, and we will always proclaim your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PASSION READING: Matthew 27:1-26

Jesus before Pontius Pilate

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ²So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

¹¹Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” ¹⁴But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

²²“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

²⁵All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

M: All we like sheep have gone astray,

C: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Adam We Have All Been One

Christian Worship 565



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one
2 We fled our God, and, los - ing him, we
3 But your strong love, it sought us still and
4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, you



huge re - bel - lious man; we all have fled that
lost our broth - er too; each sin - gly sought and
sent your on - ly Son that we might hear his
loved and saved us all; O great Good Shep - herd



eve - ning voice that sought us as we ran.
claimed his own, each man his broth - er slew.
shep - herd - voice and, hear - ing him, be one.
of man - kind, now hear us when we call.

5 Send us your Spirit, teach us truth
to purge our vanity;
from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
O Savior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise
to your eternal throne,
where with the Father evermore
and Spirit you are one.

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SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner

Text: Luke 20:9-19

⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

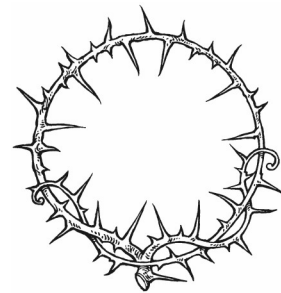
¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

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OFFERING

Guests: This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in the Jacksonville community and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.

Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the basket on the back table.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

M: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

M: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

M: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

M: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

M: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

M: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

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.

BLESSING

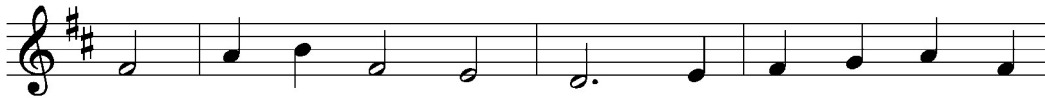
M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

CLOSING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

Christian Worship 397 vs. 1, 3, 5, 7



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
way. A mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 that he his foes from death might free.
 I all my days could glad - ly spend!

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Organist.....Mrs. Esther Huebner

HIS FINAL STEPS

March 29.....Led to Some Greeks

March 26.....Life for the Dead

April 2.....A Greater Type of King

OUR GREATEST NEEDS

Holy Week Worship



April 6.....Holy Thursday (7pm)

April 7.....Good Friday (7pm)

April 9.....Easter Sunday (8am Outdoor,
10:30am Indoor)



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