

"I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth"

A LENTEN LITURGY OF EVENING PRAYER

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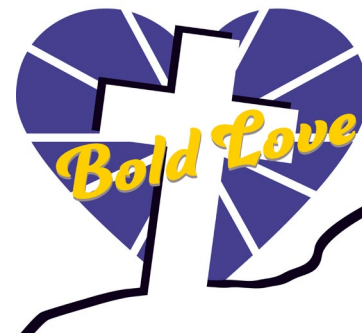
STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

Lent Mid-Week 6

March 24, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we find one of Jesus' twelve disciples agreeing to betray Him for money. Judas Iscariot has become synonymous with deception and betrayal. Judas's fall from follower of Jesus to the most disdained person in history should give us pause but also encourage us to continually resist Satan and all his schemes. Thanks be to God for His Son, Jesus, who continues to strengthen us in our fight against Satan.



Pastor John Benito, piano  
Pastor Stephen Heimer

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we watch as Jesus is betrayed.

**C** **The chief priests and scribes were plotting to kill Him.**

**P** Satan entered into Judas, one of the Twelve.

**C** **Judas agreed to betray Jesus for money.**

**P** As the Passover drew near, Judas sought an opportunity to hand Jesus over.

**C** **Lord, grant that we be forgiven of all the deception and betrayal that is in our hearts.**

## OPENING HYMN

"Come Change My Heart (Renuevame) by Marcos Witt

Come, change my heart, Lord Jesus Christ

Make my weary soul anew.

come, change my heart, Lord Jesus Christ-

make me holy, more like You.

Because ev'rything I hold inside of me

longs to know the healing you will provide.

Because ev'rything I am, and ev'ry pulse of my heart.

needs the grace that comes from You.

Renuévame, Señor Jesus,

Ya no quiero ser igual

Renuévame, Señor Jesus

Pone en mi Tu corazón

Porque todo lo que hay dentro de mi

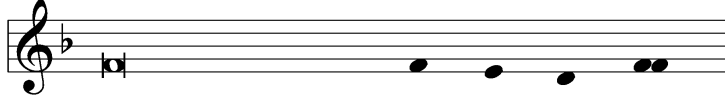
Necesita ser cambiado Señor

Porque todo lo que hay dentro de mi corazón

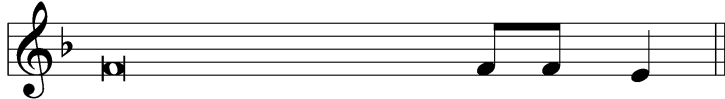
necesita más de ti.

**+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +**

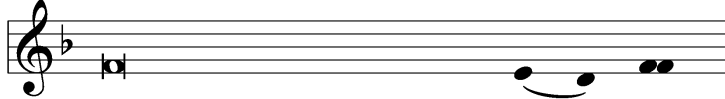
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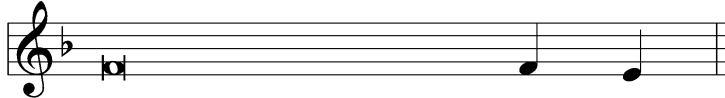
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



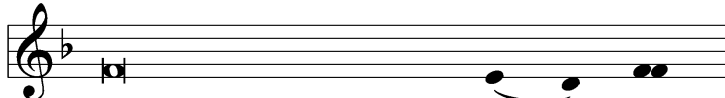
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.

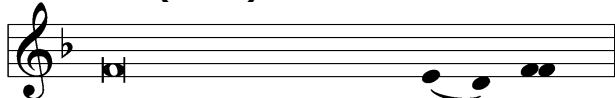


**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

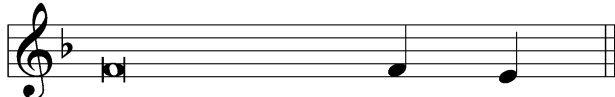


**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

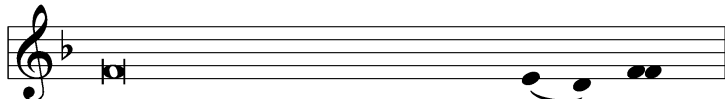
**VERSICLES (LENT)**



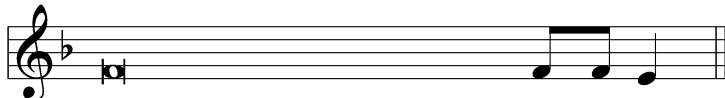
**L** Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



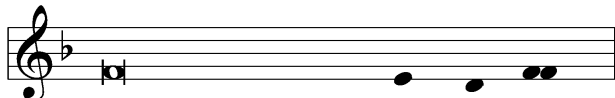
**C** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



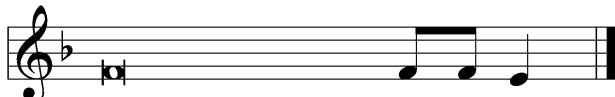
**L** Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.

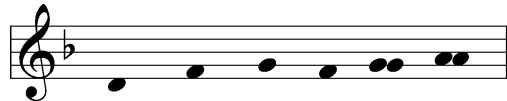


**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.

## PHOS HILARON



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

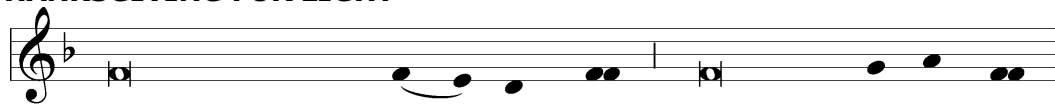


ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

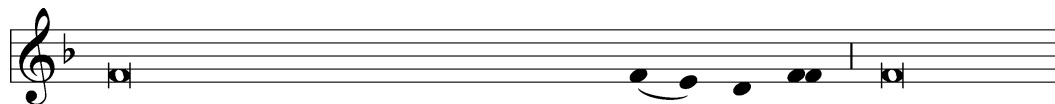


the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

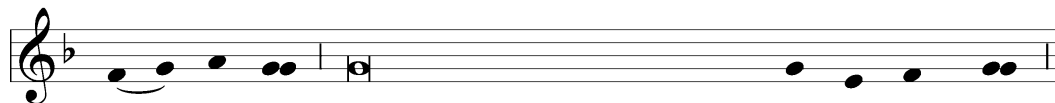
## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT



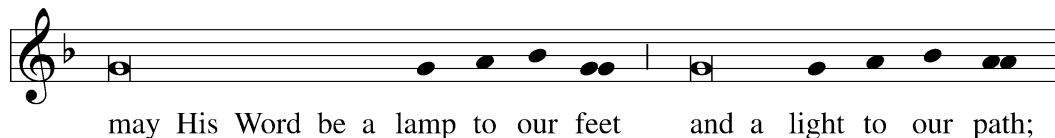
**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



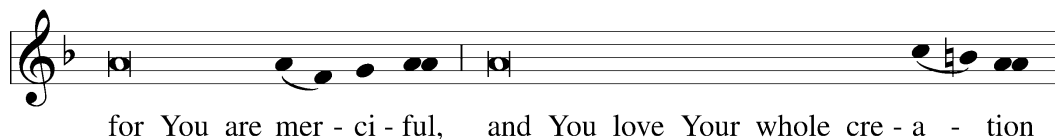
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

**+ PSALMODY +**

**PSALM 141**



**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.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **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.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.

Strip me not of my life. C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in

the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

**PSALM PRAYER**

I Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

**+ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE +**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

(God hates deception and betrayal.)

Proverbs 6:16–19

<sup>16</sup>There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: <sup>17</sup>haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18a</sup>a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, <sup>19a</sup>a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

(John warns of deceivers who have gone into the world.)

2 John 3–9

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in truth and love. <sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

(Judas makes a deal with the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.) Luke 22:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**G** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
**G** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**G** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

## HYMN

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606 (sung to the tune of "Church's One Foundation" LSB 644)

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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## HOMILY

Bold Love: "Bold Deal"

## OFFERING & SILENT PRAYER

### + PRAYER +

## LITANY

- L** O Lord,  
**G** **have mercy.**  
**L** O Christ,  
**G** **have mercy.**  
**L** O Lord,  
**G** **have mercy.**  
**L** O Christ,  
**G** **hear us.**  
**L** God the Father in heaven,  
**G** **have mercy.**  
**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**G** **have mercy.**  
**L** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**L** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

- C** have mercy.
- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

*various petitions are offered*

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You were betrayed by one of Your own disciples and handed over to death. Forgive us for the times we have betrayed You and deceived others for the sake of selfish gain, so that we might pick up our cross and follow You on the road to Calvary; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father" LSB 958

*Refrain*

Our Fa - ther \_\_\_\_\_ who art in

heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_ Thy name be hal-owed,

Thy name be hal-owed, Heav - en - ly Fa - ther.

1 May Thy king - dom come to us, O  
2 Give us this day, O Lord, our dai - ly  
3 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

Lord; May Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord; As in  
bread; Lord, for-give our tres - pass - es, we pray, As  
Lord, Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, But de -

*Refrain*  
heav - en so on earth may Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord.  
we for-give all those who tres - pass a - gainst us, Lord.  
liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vil.



## BENEDICAMUS

John 20:31

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Abide With Me" LSB 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

Pastor John Benito

## LENTEN THEME - "BOLD LOVE"

The world needs Christians who are bold in faith and Spirit-inspired love. This Lent we gather mid-week for renewal and inspiration in the bold love of Jesus. Many Christians are well aware of what took place on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But what took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week? These three days contain bold action of Jesus, bold teaching, and bold confrontation with the religious leaders. Ash Wednesday reminds us of Christ's bold solution to the dreadful problem of sin and death. The other five midweek services of this series explore the "Bold" events that took place between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. May the Holy Spirit kindle bold faith and love in us this Lenten season.

Feb 17 Genesis 3:19 "Bold Solution" (Ash Wed.) + Feb 24 Mark 11:15-19 "Bold Action" + March 3 Mark 12:28-37 "Bold Questions" + March 10 Matthew 23:1-12 "Bold Teaching" + March 17 John 12:23-36 "Bold Final Appearance" + March 24 Luke 22:1-6 "Bold Deal"



**Thank you to all the musicians who have blessed our Lenten services with your beautiful talents!**

**Holy Week and Easter.** Holy Week will begin this Sunday with Palm Sunday! Throughout Holy Week, Zion will also have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. On **Easter Sunday**, we will have an outdoor service, followed by a neighborhood flower distribution, Easter breakfast, and indoor worship service and livestream. Communion will be served at both the indoor and outdoor Easter service. Here is our schedule for Holy Week:

- **Palm Sunday Service** - March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am
- **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm
- **Good Friday Service** - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm
- **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Outdoor Communion Service* – 8:00am
  - Easter Breakfast by Zion's Youth* – 9:00am
  - Indoor Communion Service* - 10:30am

We would love to see you in-person or online at any of our Holy Week services! We would appreciate it if you filled out an RSVP form through our website prior to attending a service, however it is not required. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (915) 566-4667. We look forward to worshipping with you!

**Sponsor an Easter Lily!** You can honor a loved one, event, or anything else you would like by sponsoring a lily this Easter! We will include all sponsors in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **Each lily will cost \$10.** If you attend church in person, we can provide you with an envelope for your Easter lily offering. Otherwise, Easter lily offerings can be mailed to the church or sent online. You can also call the church office to provide us with the message you would like in the bulletin. **You will be able to take your lilies home after the service on Easter Sunday, April 4th!**

**Lenten Food Collection for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission:** LWML is collecting non-perishable food items to assist YLM in their weekly food distribution during the Season of Lent. We are, once again, inviting the congregation to join us in this Lenten outreach project. Items may be placed in the designated location in the Auditorium or dropped off at the church office.

**Food items most needed right now are: small bags of rice, beans, and flour, as well as boxes of cereal.** Thanks, in advance, for your support of this project!

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## This Week's Memory Verse

This week's memory verse:

**"Hosanna! Blessed is  
he who comes in the  
name of the Lord"  
John 12:13**

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