

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Midweek Lenten Worship
March 25, 2020

HYMN # 436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete,
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
4. Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

INVOCATION

Pastor: The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end;

People: Amen.

Pastor: Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about
like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

People: Lord, watch over us and keep us safe in Your hands.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth,

People: We place our trust in You and Your mercy.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Be merciful to us, O God! With Your constant love, wipe clean the
sin-filled slate of our lives.

People: Wash me, Lord, and make me clean from my offenses against You.

Pastor: I recognize my faults, I am conscious of my sins.

People: I have sinned and done that which is wrong in Your sight.

Pastor: Against You, Lord, have we sinned and done evil in your sight.

People: You are justified in Your judgment upon me.

Pastor: Remove my sin and I shall be clean; Wash me and I shall be as white as snow.

People: By Your spirit create in me a new and clean heart so I may again hear the sounds of joy and gladness.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF THANKS AND PRAISE

849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in every land.

3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Revelation 3:1-6

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. ⁴Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes will like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON HYMN # 424 “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain with promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

SERMON

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Prayed in unison

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.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS

Pastor: The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Watch over us, O Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Save us, Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may serve You, and sleeping we may rest in peace.

People: Lord, now let us depart in peace, according to Your word, for we have seen Your salvation, prepared for all people.

Pastor: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER Prayed in unison

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN # 885 "I Lie, O Lord, Within Your Care"

1. I lie, O Lord, within Your care Awake or when I'm sleeping.
Whoever trusts in Your strong arms Is safe within Your keeping.
2. Lord, You alone keep constant watch; My restless heart You quiet.
When darkness fills the night with fear, I will by faith defy it.
3. When shadows fall, I will not dwell On troubles that distress me,
Nor let some painful memory Embitter and oppress me.
4. It is enough that You are near; I need not now discover
What hidden plans You have for me, My future's path uncover.
5. Tomorrow's road I cannot trace Nor know what ills will meet me.
You only ask that I be still And trust You there will greet me.
6. Each dawning day to which I wake Will show Your hand still guiding
And ev'ry good my life requires Your grace again providing.
7. Though troubles still may cloud the sky, I'll see beyond them shining
A light to show some hidden way - A way of Your designing.
8. Since You have gently touched my eyes, I'll sleep through tears of sorrow.
Though long the night, my God, my friend, Will be my guide tomorrow.