

Jeremiah 25:15-18, 26-32 (ESV)

¹⁵ Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. ¹⁶ They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them." ¹⁷ So I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it: ¹⁸

Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day; ...

²⁶ all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink. ²⁷

"Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you.' ²⁸ "And

if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: You must drink! ²⁹ For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, declares the LORD of hosts.' ³⁰

"You, therefore, shall prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: " 'The LORD will roar from on high, and from his holy habitation utter his voice; he will roar mightily against his fold, and shout, like those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹ The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against the nations; he is entering into judgment with all flesh, and the wicked he will put to the sword, declares the LORD.' ³² "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, disaster is going forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth!

Matthew 26:26-46 (ESV)

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³ Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Service for the Fifth Week in Lent

The Cups of Wine

Invocation

Shema Yisrael! Adonai Elohenu, Adonai echad! "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" The LORD our God is one God in three persons, blessed Trinity! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Blessing of the Candles

In the Hebrew tradition, before the Passover ceremony, the children light the candles and pray. This gesture symbolizes the coming of the Messiah as the light of the world. We welcome Messiah's presence among us as the candles are lit.

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. You sanctify us by Your Word and allow us to kindle these lights. Bless our homes and our dear ones with the warmth and peace of Your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lighting of the Candles

Opening Hymn

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433

Praised are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe.
You have given us life and sustained us and brought us to
this season. Amen.

A Passover Approach

Is it for God's wrath upon Egypt that we praise God?

**No, for God loved the Egyptians even as He loves us. But
it is for God's infinite mercies that we praise Him.**

Pour out Your wrath, O LORD!

**God has poured out His wrath! But thank God, He has not
poured it out upon us who, for our sins, deserve it.
Instead, He beloved Son has taken God's cup of wrath.**

Once we were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD our
God delivered us "with a mighty hand and an outstretched
arm." (Deuteronomy 5:15)

**Once we were slaves of satan and sin, but the LORD our
God delivered us with His arms outstretched on the cross.**

Had not the Holy One, praised be He, brought our fathers out
of Egypt, then we and our children and our children's
children would still be enslaved.

**Had not the Holy One, praised be He, brought us out of sin,
then we and our children and our children's children
would still be enslaved by the devil and destined for
damnation.**

Prayer of Kiddush ("Sanctification")

Our God and God of our ancestors, we thank You for
gathering us to celebrate Passover. We praise You for
delivering us from the slavery of sin and bringing us into the
liberation of the Gospel, all through the sacrifice of Messiah.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 25:15-18, 26-32

The Passion History

Matthew 26:26-46

Sermon Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* LSB 563
(Vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

Sermon "Redeemed from Wrath" 1 Peter 1:18-19

Hymn Response *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* LSB 611
(Vs. 1, 5)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Our LORD's Prayer

The High Priestly Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Yebarekka Adonai, weyishmereka; ya'er Adonai panayw
'eleyka, wichunneka; yissa' Adonai panayw 'eleyka,
weyasem leka shalom.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His
face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His
face toward you and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* LSB 570
(vs. 1-4)



April 16 1:00-3:00
Bowie Community Room

**An Easter learning and
outreach experience**

**Walk in Jesus' footsteps from Palm
Sunday to Easter, experience His
Passion, deepen your faith**

Meeting Site - Wait here for your *Journey* to begin.

Station 1: Customs Station

• Begin your *Journey to the Cross* at the Customs Station, where you will join a Tour Group and receive your *Passport*.

Station 2: Perfume - John 12:1-8

• Receive a dab of perfume and hear Mary of Bethany tell about anointing Jesus.

Station 3: Donkey - Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 21:1-7

• Pet a donkey and talk to a donkey owner about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Station 4: Palm branches - Matthew 21:8-11

• Reenact Jesus' Palm Sunday entry to Jerusalem by waving palms and shouting Hosanna!

Station 5: 30 Silver coins - Matthew 26:14-16

• Do a coin rubbing and listen to a temple worker tell about Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

Station 6: Washing feet and hands - John 13:1-17

• Have your hands washed by a home owner who tells about Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

Station 7: Passover foods - Matthew 26:17-30

• Taste Passover foods and learn about the Lord's Supper.

Station 8: Praying - Matthew 26:36-56

• Pray with an olive garden owner who tells about the Garden of Gethsemane.

Station 9: Whip and thorns - Matthew 26:57-27:31

• Touch a crown of thorns and see a whip to imagine the true pain of Jesus' trials and suffering.

Station 10: Hammer and nails - Luke 23:26-43

• Hammer a nail into wood as a Roman soldier tells about Jesus' crucifixion.

Station 11: Vinegar - John 19:28-42

• Taste vinegar like Christ drank on the cross and hear about His death from a woman who stood nearby.

Station 12: Empty tomb - Matthew 28:1-10

• See the empty tomb and learn an Easter Alleluia! Listen to an angel and Mary, wife of Clopas, report about Jesus' resurrection.

Station 13: Customs Station -

• Return to the Customs Station as you complete your *Journey to the Cross*.