

# FATHER, FORGIVE THEM!

2009  
Midweek  
Lenten Worship

## Opening Sentences



**L** The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et  
night and peace at the last. **G** A -  
men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the  
Lord, **G** to sing praise to your name, O Most High,  
**L** to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** your  
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber  
me when you come in - to your king - dom.  
**G** Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -  
to your king - dom.

## Opening Hymn

*STAND*

**M:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

**M:** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

**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 all our days  
and serve him in the newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## Special Music

### Psalm of the Day

### Psalm Prayer

**M:** ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Passion History according to Mark

## 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**                      *Christ, By Countless Foes Surrounded*

**Sermon**

**Hymn 715**

**Offering**

*STAND*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer for Peace**

**M:** 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.**

**Blessing**

**M:** 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.**

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**Closing Hymn**

## 2008 Midweek Lenten Worship

- March 4 Forgive Our Desire to Defy Your Divine Authority!
- March 11 Forgive Us When We Despise Your Great Salvation!
- March 18 Forgive Us When We Abandon Your Truths!
- March 25 Forgive Us for Despising Our Savior's Claim!
- April 1 Forgive Our Misplaced Sorrow!

Soup and sandwich meals will be served in the basement after the 11:00 a.m. service and an hour before the 7:30 p.m. service. Please join us!

*Please return this service folder and the inserts to an usher as you leave. Thank you!*

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# Passion History according to Mark

## 3. On Trial Before The High Priest

**Pastor:** Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them:

**Men:** "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

**Women:** Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

**Pastor:** The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

**Congregation:** "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

**Pastor:** Then everyone deserted him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

**Women:** "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'"

**Pastor:** Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

**Men:** "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

**Pastor:** But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

**Women:** "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

**Congregation:** "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

**Pastor:** The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

## 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.

### Christ, by Countless Foes Surrounded

(Pontius Pilate)

Jeffrey Schallert, adapt.



1 Christ, by count - less foes sur - round - ed,  
 2 "Warned by dreams of mid - night ter - ror  
 3 When the path of truth grows cold - er,



From the depths of woe un - sound - ed,  
 To a - void his fate - ful er - ror,  
 Make our spir - its ev - er bold - er.



Lift - ed up his voice to heav - en:  
 Weak - ly he con - demned the guilt - less.  
 But, if in our fear we fal - ter,



"Fath - er, may they be for - giv - en!"  
 Scorn - ing truth, em - braced in - jus - tice!"  
 Cleanse us at your ho - ly al - tar.