



**MORRISON  
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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

February 21, 2024  
Lenten Midweek 2



## Restraint

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**God On Trial** The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

**Restraint** We live in an emotionally charged, partisan world. It is important to remember that those against us, like Malchus, are fellow sinners with names and souls, themselves being led astray. There's no need to attack. If Jesus is in control, as he clearly demonstrates, we can show restraint, even love, just as he did, without sacrificing what matters most.

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# Hymn

## *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* CW 100:1-2



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of  
e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,  
To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread  
That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes  
Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,  
are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share  
"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
The fruit of your sal - va - tion."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Evening, morning, and noon

C: **I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.**

M: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,

C: **for I call to you all day long.**

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

C: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Psalm, Mediation, and Prayer

## Psalm 71

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;\*  
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;\*  
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;\*  
For you are my rock and my fortress.

### *Refrain*

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,\*  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,\*  
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,\*  
your might to all who are to come.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

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*Silence for meditation*

## **Psalm Prayer**

M: Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (*11 am*)

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

## ***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive CW 493***

3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us;  
How great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love  
Our lives will spread your peace.

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## **Passion History**

## **Reading 1 (from booklet)**



# Hymn

# My Song Is Love Unknown CW 110



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might  
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for  
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas  
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the  
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my  
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -  
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their  
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at  
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.  
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.  
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.  
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## Sermon

## Restraint

Luke 22:47-53

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup> When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.” (NIV)

## Offering

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don’t feel a necessity to give an offering today. *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

M: Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **The 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.**

## **Benediction**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn

## Now the Light Has Gone Away CW 593

(Morning v 2,3,5 / Evening all verses)



1 Now the light has gone a - way;  
2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way  
3 Let my near and dear ones be  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;  
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
All that I've done wrong to - day.  
Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.  
You once died that I might live.  
You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep  
Make me ev - er more like you,  
Oh, bring me and all I love  
All your pre - cious gifts are free—  
Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Good and gen - tle, kind and true.  
To your hap - py home a - bove.  
Oh, how good you are to me!  
Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: MÜDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.

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