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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.

March 6, 2024  
Lenten Midweek 4



## Misconceptions

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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.

**Misconceptions** Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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# Hymn

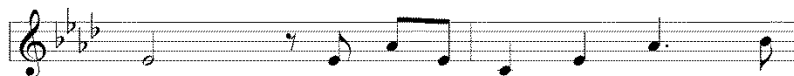
# What Grace is This! CWS 715



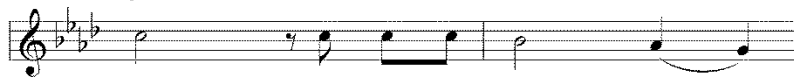
1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -  
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in  
 6 What grace is this? How can it



King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
 God Would stoop to lift a cross of  
 all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
 ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and  
 cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -  
 be? He wears this raw hu - mil - i -



ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
 wood And walk a road of rock and  
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -  
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed  
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
 draw A rush of blood for  
 deed. He pays for all, for  
 cross And wrapped a - gain for  
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for



me.

*This hymn helps us recognize the nature of divine grace, which is entirely independent of anything we are or can offer to God. God's grace willingly acts on behalf of rebellious sinners, as especially displayed in the suffering and death of our Savior.*

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 Tune: WHAT GRACE (44 886) G. A. Hennig, b. 1966 © 2005 G. A. Hennig. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**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, Meditation, and Prayer

## *You Are My Son* Psalm 2A CW<sup>21</sup>

### Refrain



### Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD  
and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,  
“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the / Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Text: translation

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*Silence for meditation*

## **Psalm Prayer**

M: Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** *(11 am)*

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

### **Jesus Loves Me, This I Know**

Jesus loves me, He who died,  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

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## **Passion History**

## **Reading 3** (from booklet)

# Hymn

## *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* CW 125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.  
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

## Sermon

## Misconceptions

Luke 23:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

<sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup> Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

<sup>5</sup> But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

<sup>6</sup> On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. <sup>9</sup> He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies. (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).

Stand

## 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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