

**March 1, 2023**  
**Lent II**

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

**His Final Steps  
Led to His Father's House**

*Remain seated*

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**  
to herald your love in the morning,  
**your truth at the close of day.**

### 402 Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for venge - ance plead - ed to the skies,



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
lifts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood!

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

*Silence for personal reflection*

### **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**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.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## 8A O LORD, Our Lord

*Psalm 8A*

### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,  
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,  
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You have made him a little lower than the / angels  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.  
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;  
you put everything un- / der his feet.  
**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***

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## Prayer

God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Passion History Reading - Lesson 2

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

Jesus replied, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish.” Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.”

None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the Festival,” or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

“Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!”

Jesus replied, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they said.

Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He said to them, “That is enough.”

Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

# 396 Christ, the Life of All the Living

*CW 396 sts. 1-4*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,  
 all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,  
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my  
 rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
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## Sermon His Final Steps Led to His Father's House

### 396 Christ, the Life of All the Living

*CW 396 sts. 5–7*



5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee that from pain I  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



might be free; false - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee:  
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



thence I gain se - cur - i - ty. Com - fort - less thy  
ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to  
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



soul did lan - guish me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

## **Offering**

*Stand*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## 968 In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant

CW 968



In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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### Benedicamus

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# 789 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

CW 789



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings  
 2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle  
 3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine  
 as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious  
 thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
 at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose  
 dark-ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -  
 and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more  
 praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
 vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## **Lent Schedule**

“His Final Steps” ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus’ resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.

Mar 1 Lenten Worship (Pastor Smith)  
*His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House*

Mar 8 Lenten Worship (Pastor Neumann)  
*His Final Steps Led to a Tomb*

Mar 15 Lenten Worship  
*His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks*

Mar 22 Lenten Worship (Pastor Smith)  
*His Final Steps Led to His Enemies*

Mar 29 Lenten Worship (Pastor Neumann)  
*His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree*

*Thank you to Pastor Smith for preaching God’s Word to us tonight.*

*Thank you to Kris Olson for accompanying worship this evening.*

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