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Midweek Lent 3

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# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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Opening Hymn - "My Song is Love Unknown"

CW 110 vv 1-4

Meditation

1 John 1:5-8

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

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not live by the truth.**

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

All: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# Passion History According to Luke

## Gethsemane and the Arrest

Luke 22:39-54

<sup>39</sup>Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

<sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup>"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

<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." <sup>54</sup>Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: By his wounds we are healed.

## Musical Selection - Senior Choir

## "Without His Cross"

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## Sermon

## "Not During the Festival" Matthew 26:1-5



<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

<sup>2</sup>"As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,

<sup>4</sup>and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him.

<sup>5</sup>"But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

## Offering and Offertory

## Prayer

P: Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Blessing

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

2 John 3

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn - "My Song is Love Unknown"

CW 110 vv 5-7

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away.

A murderer they save; The Prince of life they slay.

Yet cheerful he To suffering goes

That he his foes From death might free.

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;

In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heav'n was his home

But mine the tomb Wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine,

Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.

This is my friend, In whose sweet praise

I all my days Could gladly spend!