

Thursday, March 16th, 2023



**PRESERVICE SONGS: LORD, HAVE MERCY—Eaoghan Heaslip
IN CHRIST ALONE (acappella version by Julian)**

PASTOR'S GREETING

OSLS STUDENTS SING

3:30pm

THE INVOCATION

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – LESSON THREE

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am he," Jesus told them. Judas, the betrayer, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, "I am he," they backed away and fell to the ground. Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they said. "I told you that I am he," Jesus replied. "So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken: "I did not lose any of those you have given me."

Now the betrayer had given them a sign: "The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him." Immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with a sword?" Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. The company of soldiers, their commander, and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, "It is better that one man die for the people."

Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in. The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too. One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him." When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man." After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!" Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said." When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. "Is that how you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree. The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" They answered, "He is deserving of death!"

Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?" The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

SONG: "Just As I Am" Travis Cottrell

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come! I come!

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled

I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am

Just as I am, I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come! I come!

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I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
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THE MESSAGE: *Luke 22:66–71*

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

SERMON OUTLINE

Luke 22:66-71

"We have heard it from his own lips."

Introduction: After the night trial at Caiaphas' house, the Sanhedrin met to confirm their verdict over Jesus.

1. They wanted Jesus to incriminate himself so they could put him to death.
2. Jesus knew their unbelief. Instead of calling himself "the Christ," he calls himself "the Son of Man."
3. Jesus confesses himself as "the Son of God," as he had earlier--"**We have heard it from his own lips.**"
4. Jesus is not just a teacher of morality--He is God in flesh and blood come to this earth, and a person's eternal condition depends on his attitude toward Jesus.
5. This applies to our Christian faith today.

Conclusion: People are still "**hearing it from his own lips**" through Christians, through the church.

THE OFFERING: *"Abide With Me"* by Atrim Mennonite Choir

THE PRAYERS

SONG: "Where you There" by Collin Ray

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

THE DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" by the Vagle Brothers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTSERVICE SONG: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Lent 2023



Sermons Preached By Jesus' Enemies

MidWeek Worship

Thursdays at 3:30 & 7:00 pm

Feb 22/23:	Ash Wednesday 3:30 pm & Thursday 7:00 pm
March 2:	Lent 2 John 11:45-48 The Sanhedrin
March 9:	Lent 3 John 11:49-53 Caiaphas
March 16:	Lent 4 Luke 22:60-71 The Sanhedrin
March 23:	Lent 5 John 19:12-16 The Chief Priests
March 30:	Lent 6 Matthew 27:38-44 The Chief Priests

Holy Week & Easter

April 2:	Palm Sunday:	8:00 & 10:30 am
April 6:	Maundy Thur:	3:30 & 7 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	1:00 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	7:00 pm
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	7:00 am
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	9:30 am
