

Hymn

432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

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.



Confession of Sins

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.

Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Passion History

Matthew 26:57–75

Please read the bolded portions.

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were assembled.

⁵⁸Peter was following him at a distance and went as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out.

⁵⁹The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

⁶²The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” ⁶³But 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!”** ⁶⁴ 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.” ⁶⁵ 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! ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, “He is deserving of death!” ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

⁶⁹ Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, **“I don’t know what you’re talking about.”**

⁷¹ When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, **“I do not know the man.”** ⁷³ 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.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and to swear, **“I do not know the man!”** Just then the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Psalm
Refrain

4B I Will Lie Down and Sleep in Peace

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for
you, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Tone

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for
you, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Answer me when I / call to you,
my / righteous God.
Give me relief from / my distress;
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. **Refrain**

Tremble and / do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.
Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous
and trust / in the LORD. **Refrain**

Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us pros- / perity?”
Let the light of your face / shine on us.
In peace I will lie / down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

**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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Sermon Text

John 18:33—19:1

³³Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

³⁷“You are a king then?” Pilate asked. Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸“What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?” ⁴⁰Then they shouted back, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” (Now Barabbas was a rebel.)

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

Hymn

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Sermon

Connect Card and Offering

Prayer

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.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song of Simeon

In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for every people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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

Hymn

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