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# GOD ON TRIAL

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*"God on Trial: Restraint"*

# EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) (page 52)

## OPENING HYMN: #101 "Behold the Lamb of God" Public domain

### **STAND**

**M:** O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

**M:** Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

### **BE SEATED**

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU (Psalm 141)



**C:** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**M:** Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## Psalm 71 (p. 92 front of the hymnal)

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***Silence for meditation.***

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Passion History of Our Lord: St. Mark 14:1-26**

**14** It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to

you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of 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.”

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

***Seasonal Response:*** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

**CHIEF HYMN: CWS #717** “When You Woke that Thursday Morning” (See next page.)

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1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn-ing, Sav - ior, Teach - er, faith - ful Friend,  
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing with tor - ment - ed heart  
3 What was there that you could give them that would nev - er be out - spent,  
4 One in faith, in love u - ni - ted, all one bod - y, you the head,  
5 One day all the church will cap - ture, that bright vi - sion glo - ri - ous,



thoughts of self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing how the day would end;  
to be with your dear ones on - ly for a qui - et hour a - part:  
what great gift that would out - live them, what last will and tes - ta - ment?  
when we meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are with us, as you said.  
and your saints will know the rap - ture that your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, now at last the hour had come  
sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, one last Pas - chal meal to eat,  
"Show me and the world you love me, know me as the Lamb of God:  
One with you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni - ty sub - lime,  
when the longed - for peace and u - nion of the Great - est and the least



when but One could pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
one last les - son as their teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
Do this in re - mem - brance of me, eat this Bod - y, drink this Blood."  
see in us your sis - ter, broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.  
meet in joy - ous, blest com - mu - nion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.



## **SERMON:** “God on Trial: Restraint”

**Text:** Luke 22:47-53

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

**STAND**



# SONG OF MARY (*Magnificat*)



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor



on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions



will call me bless - ed. The Al - mighty - y has done great




things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on




those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the




proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y




from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich



he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the



help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his



prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,



to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for

deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

**C:** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



**C:** 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.

# BLESSING

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



## CLOSING HYMN: #127 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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