

# February 21, 2024: Midweek Lent 2

## God On Trial: Accusations

### Opening Hymn: 409 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

#### Confession of Sins

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

We confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (T) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 71A God Is My Strong Salvation

### Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

### Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;  
let me never be / put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;  
turn your ear to me and / save me.

Be my rock of / refuge,  
to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,  
and to this day I declare your / marv'ulous deeds.

Even when I am / old and gray,  
do not forsake / me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,  
your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

**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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## 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. Amen.

## Anthem: A Purple Robe

Kindergarten

## Passion History: Plot, Passover, and the Lord's Supper

Mark 14:1–26

<sup>1</sup>Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>2</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

<sup>3</sup>While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

<sup>4</sup>Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup>It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

<sup>6</sup>“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

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<sup>16</sup>The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup>While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

<sup>19</sup>They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

<sup>20</sup>“It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup>“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.

<sup>25</sup>“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## **Hymn of the Day: Savior, When in Dust to You**

CW 1993

### **Sermon: Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6**

Pastor Ken Frey

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Job:

<sup>2</sup>“Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?  
Let him who accuses God answer him!”

<sup>1</sup>Then Job replied to the LORD:

<sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do all things;  
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup>You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’  
Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me to know.

<sup>4</sup>“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.’”

<sup>5</sup>My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have seen you.  
<sup>6</sup>Therefore I despise myself  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

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## Prayer of the Church

### 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.**

## **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: 931 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

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