



2018 LENTEN VESPERS SERIES

Mid-Week #2

HYMNS

CW 121 — *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

CW 377:1,4,10 — *Dear Christians, One and All,
Rejoice*

CW 376 — *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness*

PASSION HISTORY ❖ *Luke 22:39-54*

PSALM OF THE DAY ❖ *Psalms 6*

PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, you are merciful and tender hearted, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to us in our anguish over sin and hear our cry for mercy that we may be at peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LESSON ❖ *Romans 3:21-28*

²¹ But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, ²³ because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶ He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸ For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

SERMON TEXT ❖ *John 12:27-36*

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

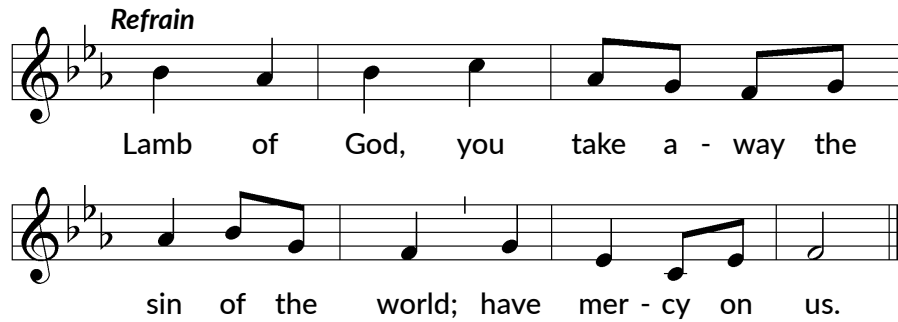
³¹ “Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

³⁴ The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Scriptures that the Christ will remain forever. So how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

³⁵ Then Jesus told them, “The light will be with you just a little while longer. Keep on walking while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light.”

From the Father's Heart

Psalm 6



Refrain

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your | anger
or discipline me | in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for | I am faint;
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in | anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and de- | liver me;
save me because of your un- | failing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from | groaning.
My eyes grow weak with | sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do | evil,
for the LORD has heard my | weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for | mercy;
the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.

**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