



# 2018 LENTEN VESPERS SERIES

Mid-Week #3

## HYMNS

**CW 126** — *Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth*

**CW 377:1,5-6,10** — *Dear Christians, One and All,  
Rejoice*

**CW 108** — *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

## PSALM OF THE DAY ❖ Psalm 38

### PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

## PASSION HISTORY ❖ Luke 22:54-71

### LESSON ❖ Romans 5:1-2, 6-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>6</sup> For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we

will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

## SERMON TEXT ❖ John 13:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. 14 Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. 16 Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

18 "I am not talking about all of you. I know those I have chosen. But this is so that the Scripture may be fulfilled: 'One who eats bread with me has raised his heel against me.' 19 I am telling you this right now before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am he.

20 "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whoever receives anyone I send, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives the one who sent me."

***Jesus: God's Son and Your Servant***

## Psalm 38



### **Refrain**

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your | anger  
or discipline me | in your wrath.  
For your arrows have | pierced me,  
and your hand has come down u- | pon me.  
My guilt has over- | whelmed me  
like a burden too hea- | vy to bear.

### **Refrain**

All my longings lie open before | you, O Lord;  
my sighing is not hid- | den from you.

I wait for | you, O Lord;  
you will answer, O | Lord my God.

Come quickly to | help me,  
O Lord my | Savior.

***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**