



GOD ON TRIAL : Accusations

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024

Bells

Opening Hymn

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall | 556

Confession and Absolution of Our Sinfulness

P: Most holy and merciful Father,

**C: we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault,
by our own grievous fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Passion History

In the Upper Room

Sermon Text

Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6

The LORD responded to Job and said: ²Will the one who makes charges against the Almighty dare to correct him? The one who accuses God should make his case! Job responded to the Lord. He said: ²I know that you can do all things. No purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³You asked, “Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words?” I have made statements about things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴You said, “Listen now and I will speak. I will ask you questions, and you will inform me.” ⁵My ear heard about you. Now my eyes see you. ⁶So I despise myself. I repent in dust and ashes.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

“Accusations”

Pastor Rick Zahn

Nicene Creed

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Inspiration in 3:30 service

*Follow Jesus
Anne Krenz Organ*

*Refrain: Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.
Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.*

To the city full of cheers, full of wonder, full of fears.

To the supper with the cup all creation lifted up.

Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.

Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.

To the garden, earth be still, to the rock and “Yes, I will.”

To the crosses, then the tree, then the feast of victory.

Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.

Follow Jesus all the way. Follow Jesus, come what may.

I will follow Jesus, follow Jesus to the feast of victory.

Adult Choir in 6:30 service

*“Come to the Table”
by Jayne Nitz*

Come to the table, where Jesus said to come on the night he was abandoned, denied, and betrayed. He invited his disciples, and for us he does the same:

Refrain: This is my body, this is my blood given to forgive the sins of everyone. Take and eat the bread; take and drink the wine. Do this in remembrance of me.

Come to the table, where Jesus said to come. Overwhelmed by my offenses and the guilt that I feel, I will welcome the assurance Jesus offers in this meal: *Refrain*

Come to the table, where Jesus said to come. When my earthly life is over, I'll kneel at his throne, and we'll eat and drink together in our everlasting home. *Refrain*

Gathering of Our Offering

The Sacrament (Setting One)

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Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution

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O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)

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Distribution Hymns

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My Song Is Love Unknown | 397*

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Closing Hymn

Now the Light Has Gone Away | 784



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