



**GOD
ON
TRIAL : Truth**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

March 13, 2024

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Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,  
**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

**Hymn 420**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

**Passion History**

*Condemned and Crucified*

**Psalm 1**

*Blessed Are They*

**Psalm Prayer**

Lord, let your Word so saturate our souls that we grow into lush trees bearing fruit for you. When the voices of the wicked tempt us to stray down other paths, keep us on the way that leads to our heavenly home. We ask this, confident that you watch over the way of the righteous; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sermon Text**

*John 18:33-40*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my

kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

<sup>37</sup>"You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

<sup>38</sup>"What is truth?" Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?"

<sup>40</sup>Then they shouted back, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Now Barabbas was a rebel.)

+ The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

**Hymn 703**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**Sermon**

**God on Trial: Truth**

*Rev. Bobby Oberg, Trinity, Dundee*

**Gathering of Our Offerings to the Lord**

**Grade 6 in 3:30 service**

*Father, Forgive*  
by Mary Dorn Lippert

Father, forgive all that they do; They don't understand I come from You.  
Blinded by sin, They cannot see, They crucify God when they crucify me.  
They think I am only one man; They do not know I am each one of them.  
So when they cry, "Crucify!"; They are the guilty judged to die.

Father, forgive all that they say; They don't understand the truth today.  
Blinded by sin, They cannot see, The trouble they're in and how much they need me.  
They spit out hate, curse me and jeer; They do not know their salvation hangs here.  
All that they give, I gladly take, and I will ask You, for my sake.

Father, forgive all that they do, They don't understand I come from You.  
Blinded by sin, They cannot see, They crucify God when they crucify me.  
Father, forgive, All that they do; Father, forgive them!

## Prayers

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

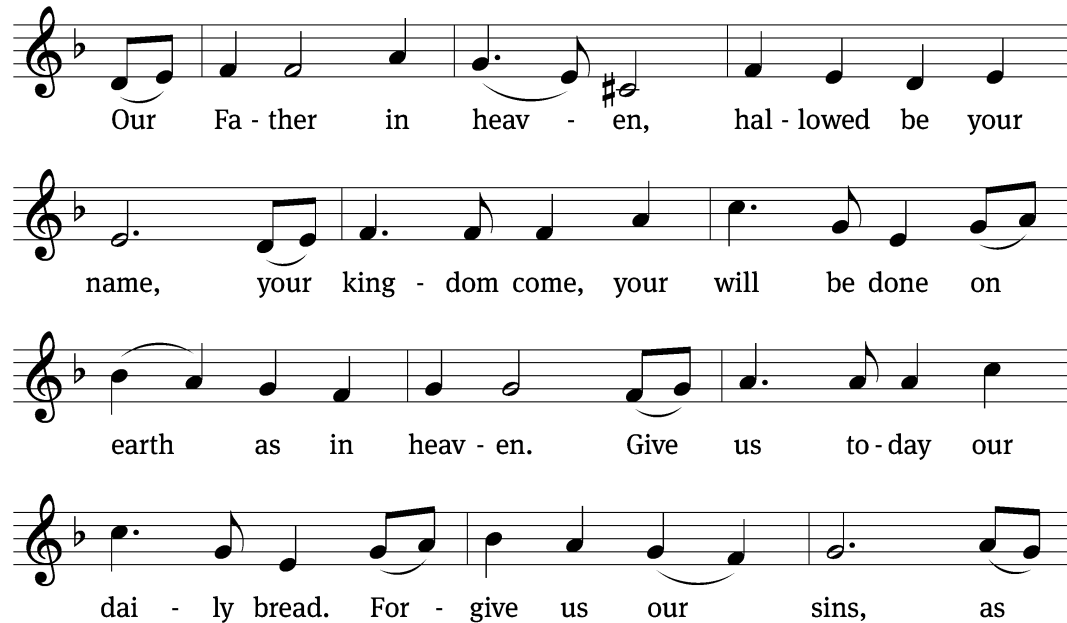
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Amen.**



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as



we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
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pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 814**

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

**Organist: David Koepsell**