



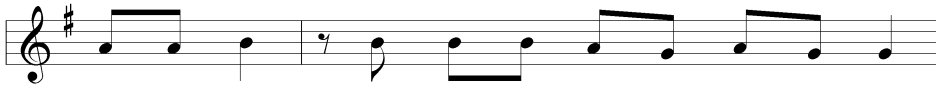
A Part for the Whole?

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OPENING HYMN



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

PSALM 6A

**1 Rebuke me not, O Lord, in wrath,
Nor judge me for my sin,
But lead me on your righteous path
And cleanse my life within.**

**2 Have pity, hear my weakened sighs
And heal all that is wrong;
With anguished fright my spirit cries:
“How long, O Lord, how long?”**

**3 Deliver me from sin and shame,
Lord, turn to me and save -
For who in death recalls your name,
Who thanks you from the grave?**

**4 My eyes are worn away with grief,
My bed is drenched with tears;
From all my foes, Lord, grant relief
And save me from my fears.**

**5 You workers of iniquity
Who fill my heart with care;
In God’s strong name depart from me –
The Lord has heard my prayer.**

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, when our sins overwhelm us, help us turn to you, who truly bore the weight of them all. Because you endured God’s anger, assure us that the debt of our sin has been paid in full. Hear us because of your tender mercy, so that the devil dare not accuse us but must flee in shame; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

PASSION HISTORY FROM LUKE 22:1-38

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

²² Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

The Last Supper

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

⁹ “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him.” ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that.

Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered.

³⁶ He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”

³⁸ The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”

“That is enough,” he replied.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day

**1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
all that he left his throne above
to do for us below.**

**2 No work is left undone
of all the Father willed;
his toil, his sorrows, one by one,
the Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**3 No pain that we can share
but he has felt its smart;
all forms of human grief and care
have pierced that tender heart.**

**4 And on his thorn-crowned head
and on his sinless soul
our sins in all their guilt were laid
that he might make us whole.**

**5 In perfect love he dies;
for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
you died to make me free!**

**6 In ev'ry time of need,
before the judgment throne,
your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
your merits, not my own.**

SERMON ON LUKE 23:13-16

A PART FOR THE WHOLE?

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

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PRAYER

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: **May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

CLOSING HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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