



Trinity Lutheran Church
LCMS

Lenten Worship "Watchers on the Hill"

Service 4 "Forsaken"

March 25, 2019



Watchers On The Hill “Forsaken”

The Psalms for these services are from that portion of the Psalter titled “Songs of Ascent” (Psalms 120 through 134), which were offered by faithful pilgrims—like Jesus and his disciples—as they made their way up, through the hills of Judea, to Jerusalem for the great festivals.

Ascent to the Cross ... Psalms 129 and 130

**Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy Passion;
With your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death, that I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness and your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
How you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.**

P *Israel, tell us of your enemies.*

C **“Ever since I was young, my enemies have persecuted me cruelly, but they have not overcome me. They cut deep wounds in my back and made it like a plowed field. But the Lord, the righteous one, has freed me from slavery.”**

P *May everyone who hates Zion be defeated and driven back.*

C **May they all be like grass growing on the housetops, which dries up before it can grow; no one gathers it up or carries it away in bundles.**

P *No one who passes by will say, “May the Lord bless you! We bless you in the name of the Lord.”*

C **Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

P *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?*

C **But there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.**

P *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.*

C **More than those who watch for the morning.**

P *O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.*

C **He will save his people Israel from all their sins.**

If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm, peace and pardon give me.
Grant that I may trust in you and your holy Passion;
If his Son forgives anew, God must have compassion.

The Salutation and Response ... Psalm 134

P *Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.*

C **The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

The Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading ... 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Choir Anthem(7pm) “Grant Peace we Pray”

Gospel Text ... Mark 15:12-20, 33-38

Theme Hymn ... “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

To this sacred hill ascending with the faithful take your place.
Here, in love and sorrow bending, gaze upon your Savior’s face.
Turn not from his griefs away; spend this hour to watch and pray.

Standing ‘neath the cross of Jesus, hear his agonizing plea.
See the sacrifice that frees us: “Why have you forsaken me?”
See the Son God’s will fulfill, O you watchers on the hill.

Watchers On The Hill

Time: A Friday morning, nearly 2000 years ago

Place: Gogotha, a hill outside Jerusalem

Marius: a Roman Guard (Ethan Frese)

Lucius : a Roman Guard (David Frese)

Theme Hymn ... “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled peace may find.
Watchers on the hill, give heed; here behold God’s grace indeed.

The Prayers/The 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.

Benediction—Psalm 121 ... Melody: Gethsemane

**Watchers on the hill, look up—see, your Savior drinks the cup;
Prays the Father’s faithful Son: “Not my will but Thine be done!”
All who thus in him believe life eternal shall receive.**

P I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved; he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

C He who keeps watch over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you.

C The sun shall not strike by day, nor the moon by night.

P The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep you safe. He will protect you as you come and go, now and forever.

**Let God’s faithful saints arise; to the hills lift up your eyes.
Wakeful, watchful, God is near to dispel your ev’ry fear.
By Christ’s sacrifice be sure God’s great mercies e’er endure.**