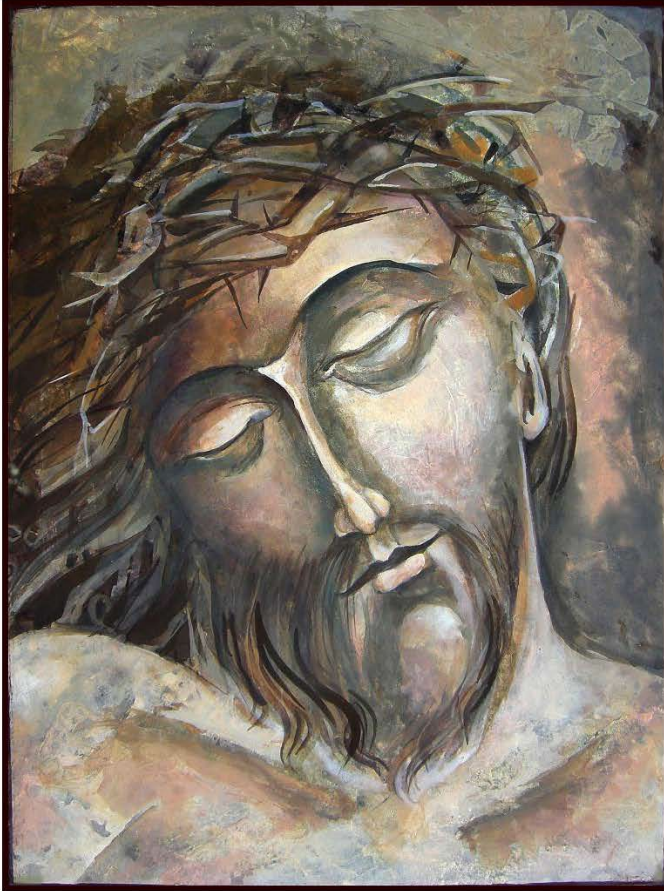


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# Sixth Wednesday in Lent

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## Hymn 422

## “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

*Please stand*

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.**

## Congregational Response 785

## “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

*Please be seated*

# Psalm 6B

## Refrain



## Tone



LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger  
or discipline me / in your wrath.  
Have mercy on me, LORD, for / I am faint;  
heal me, LORD, for my bones are in / agony.  
My soul is in deep / anguish.  
How long, LORD, / how long? *Refrain*

Turn, LORD, and de- / liver me;  
save me because of your un- / failing love.  
I am worn out from my / groaning.  
All night long I drench my / couch with tears.  
Away from me, all you who do / evil,  
for the LORD has heard my / weeping.  
The LORD has heard my cry for / mercy;  
the LORD ac- / cepts my prayer.  
**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***

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# Reading of the Passion History

*Matthew 27:27-66*

## Soldiers Mock Jesus, The Crucifixion, Jesus' Death, Jesus' Burial

P: Pastor

M: Men

W: Women

P: Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohorta of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

*W: They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.*

M: As they were going out of the city, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. They came to a place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of the skull." They offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

*W: After they had crucified him, they divided his clothing among themselves by casting lots.*

P: Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there. Above his head they posted the written charge against him: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

M: At the same time two criminals were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"

*W: In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he's the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him kept insulting him.*

P: From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

M: When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

***W: Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. The rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”***

P: After Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. Suddenly, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people.

**M: When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, “Truly this was the Son of God.”**

***W: Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him were there, watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.***

P: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb’s entrance and left. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there sitting opposite the tomb.

**M: On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.”**

P: Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Special Song**

**1-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

“No One Loves Me More Than Jesus”

**An Oppressed Servant... A Servant Cut Off**

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth.  
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.  
<sup>8</sup>He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice,  
and of his generation, who even cared?  
So, he was cut off from the land of the living.  
He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.  
<sup>9</sup>They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,  
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,  
because he had done no violence,  
and no deceit was in his mouth.

*Please stand*

**Lord, Have Mercy**

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.**

## Prayer for Peace

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.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

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

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Hymn 534

## “Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus”

*No formal offering will be taken today. If you wish to give a gift to St. John's, please deposit it in an offering plate in the narthex. Thank you!*

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## *Church Council*



### *MENU*

*Hot Turkey Sandwiches  
Chips, Pickles, Veggies, Fruit, Ice Cream*

*Profits from the meal will go towards our St. John's Debt Fund. Donations may be given with cash/check at the meal, on our website and app, or use the QR Code here. Thank you to all those who donated food and worked to prepare the meal!*



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