



*In anticipation of the cross Jesus took three of His disciples and retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. This Lent we will join Jesus in the Garden. We will look in all four Gospels to see His prayer, His teaching and His betrayal, as we prepare to celebrate His death and resurrection. In this season of solemn remembrance and repentance, we are going to slow down and spend five weeks with Jesus in the Garden.*

*His Sweat Became Like Great Drops of Blood*

**March 4, 2026**

**10:30am and 6:30pm**

# Prelude

SSLS 1<sup>st</sup> Graders (10:30am)

*Sing Him A Song of Praise*

## Welcome

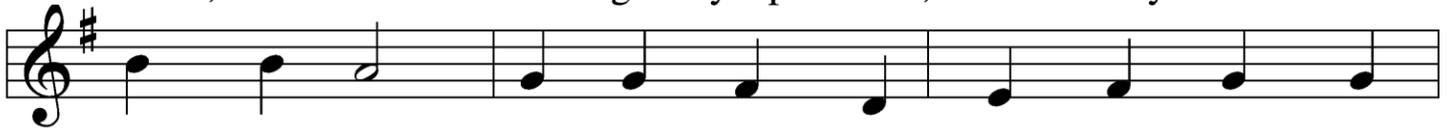
### Opening Hymn

*Christ the Life of All the Living*

#420 sts. 1, 5, 6, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

**Invocation and Open Sentences** (Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents over disaster.

Pastor: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

People: He was bruised for our iniquities.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Let us bring our sins to the Lord, and leave them at the cross.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. By what we have done and by what we have left undone. And at times we have held on to our sins, refusing to accept Your forgiveness. Intentionally or not we have placed our judgement over Yours. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to trust in the full forgiveness You grant us, by the precious blood of Your Son Jesus.

Pastor: Hear this and believe it. Because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. And they are cast as far as the East is from the West and God remembers them no more. You are forgiven, completely and without exception, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Reading**

Luke 22:39-46

<sup>39</sup> And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayer, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup> And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

# Hymn

# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

#563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700-60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-91, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93 Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

## Prayers of the Church

Pastor: O God, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain, You agonized in the Garden as You anticipated the cross. Comfort those who are afflicted, whether in mind or body. Give Your peace to the anxious, assuring them that You have overcome the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed and strengthened by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You Yourself showed us the importance of prayer as You prepared Yourself in the Garden for the cross. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to You, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**People: 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.

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

### *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

#436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## **Depart In Silence**

*OFFERING & ATTENDANCE will be taken at the door as you enter for worship.*