

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

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OPENING HYMN: #916
Today Your Mercy Calls Us (vs.1-4)

V1. Today your mercy calls us
to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
whatever we have been,
however long from mercy
our hearts have turned away,
your precious blood can wash us
and make us clean today.

V2. Today your gate is open,
and all who enter in
shall find a Father's welcome
and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
a present joy be giv'n,
a future grace be promised,
a glorious crown in heav'n.

V3. Today our Father calls us;
his Holy Spirit waits;
his blessed angels gather
around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
how often we have come;
although we oft have wandered,
it is our Father's home.

V4. O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
what should we do without you
when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
to drive us to despair,
we know one gate is open,
one ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: We lie and do not live by the truth.

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yet walk in the darkness,

C: We lie and do not live by the truth.

P: If we claim to be without sin,

**C: We deceive ourselves and the truth
is not in us.**

ALL: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for self-reflection

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 51 (Selected Verses)

P: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;

C: according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

**C: so that you are proved right when
you speak and justified when you
judge.**

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,

**C: sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.**

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within
me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.**

P: Then I will teach transgressors your
ways,

C: and sinners will turn back to you.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion Reading

Part Four

**Jesus
Before
Pilate**



The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Very early in the morning, at daybreak, the chief priests with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin met together, and Jesus was led before them. “If you are the Christ,” they said, “tell us.”

He answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”

They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You are right in saying I am.”

Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.”

The whole assembly rose. They bound Jesus and led him from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied.
“That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

Pilate then went back inside the palace and summoned Jesus. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Do you think I am a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at the time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.

Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends – before this they had been enemies.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All: 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:
#550 **Lamb of God** (vs.1-3)

V1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

V2. Your gift of love they crucified,
they laughed and scorned him as he died:
the humble King they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

V3. I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Sermon Text

Zechariah 1:1-6



It Is
Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

“The LORD was very angry with your forefathers. Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the LORD Almighty. Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says:

“‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. Where are your forefathers now? And the prophets, do they live forever? But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers?

“Then they repented and said, ‘The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’ ”

Sermon Theme

Return to Me



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The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah



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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

C: We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

P: To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN:

#579 **His Mercy Is More** (vs.1-3)

V1. What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many,
his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness,
new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many,
his mercy is more!

V2. What patience would wait
as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender
is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many,
his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness,
new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many,
his mercy is more!

V3. What riches of kindness
 he lavished on us;
his blood was the payment,
 his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford;
our sins they are many,
 his mercy is more.

Refrain (3x): Praise the Lord!

His mercy is more!

Stronger than darkness,

new ev'ry morn;

our sins they are many,

his mercy is more!



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Announcements

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