

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

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OPENING HYMN:

#396 **Christ, the Life of All the Living** (vs.1-5)

V1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
who, thyself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

V2. Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee
bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee,
O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver
from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

V3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
that my wounds might all be whole;
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
rest to give my weary soul;
yea, the curse of God enduring,
blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

V4. Heartless scoffers did surround thee,
treating thee with cruel scorn,
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee.
All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne
that as thine thou mightest own me
and with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

V5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee:
thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish
me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

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: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

C: Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life. Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 25 (Selected verses)

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

C: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,

C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

P: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

C: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

P: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways... for you are good, O LORD.

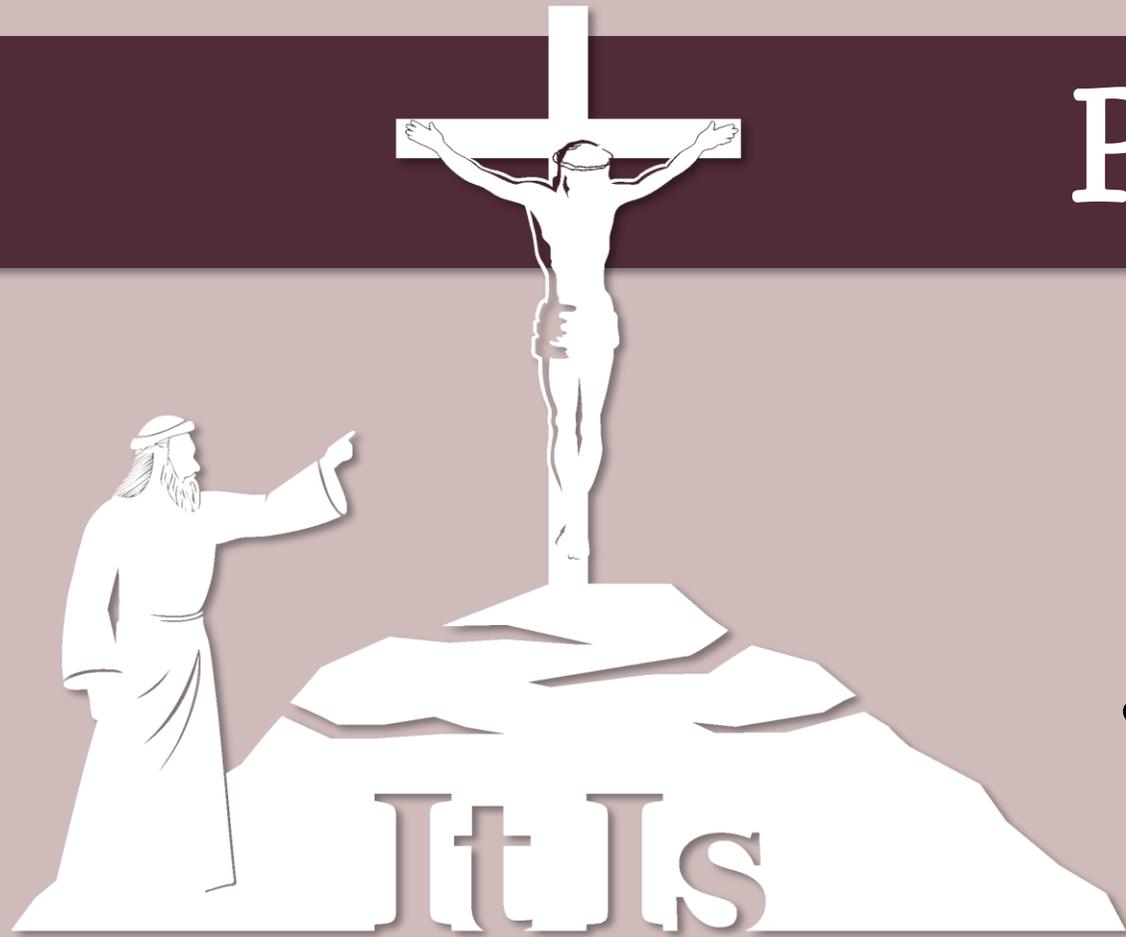
PSALM PRAYER

P: O Lord, gracious God, according to your promise forget the sins of our past and our rebellious ways, and instead remember your great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgiven of our sins, teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passion Reading

Part Five

**Jesus Condemned
to Death**



**It Is
Finished**

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, 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. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, "It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover.

“Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” Pilate knew it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him.”

But the chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, “What shall I do, then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call the king of the Jews?”

“Crucify him!” they shouted. “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

For a third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” and their shouts prevailed.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace of the governor, the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head, put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him worshiping.

They spit on him, struck him in the face, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. They mocked him and began to call out to him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You have no power over me that was not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar’s. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as The Stone Pavement, which in Aramaic is Gabbatha. It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, Pilate granted their demand, wanting to satisfy the crowd. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

All the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

Then he released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, and had Jesus flogged. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified.

The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized him, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed Jesus, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’

“Then

‘They will say to the mountains: “Fall on us!”

and to the hills: “Cover us!””

For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

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:

#402 **Glory Be to Jesus** (vs.1-6)

V1.

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.

V2. Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

V3. Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
did the world redeem.

V4. Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

V5. Oft as earth exulting
lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

V6. Lift we, then, our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood!

Sermon Text

Zechariah 8:14-17



It Is Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

This is what the LORD Almighty says:
“Just as I had determined to bring
disaster upon you and showed no pity
when your fathers angered me,” says
the LORD Almighty, “so now I have
determined to do good again to
Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid.
These are the things you are to do:

“Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,” declares the LORD.



The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

Sermon Theme

**The Truth, the
Whole Truth,
and Nothing
but the Truth**



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PRAYER

P: 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.

P: 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.

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: 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.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN:

#792 **O Trinity, Most Blessed Light** (vs.1-3)

V1. O Trinity, most blessed light,
O Unity of sov'reign might,
as now the fiery sun departs,
come shed your light within our hearts.

V2.

To you our morning song of praise,
to you our evening prayer we raise;
our humble joy shall ever be
to praise your name eternally.

V3.

To God the Father, heav'nly light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit let us raise
one heart and voice in ceaseless praise.



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Announcements

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