



Lent 6

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Gathering Rite

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you;

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, open my lips;

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God;

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit,

C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hymn

“Lord, Jesus You are Going Forth”

Christian Worship 126 st. 1-2

Lord Jesus, you are going forth
For me your life to offer,
For me, a sinner from my birth,
Who caused all you must suffer.
So be it then, my dearest Friend;
I follow after weeping, tears flowing free
Your pain to see, watch o'er your sorrows keeping.

O soul, come hither and behold
The fruit of your transgression!
My burden is the curse of old
And for your sin my passion.
Now comes the night of sin's dread might;
Your guilt I here am bearing.
Oh, weight it, soul; I make you whole,
No need now of despairing.

P: Jesus invites us, “come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

C: O Lord, in humility we come. We are weary because our sins weigh us down, and there is no relief. We are burdened by the just sentence placed upon our sinful disobedience, and there is no place to turn for reprieve.

Hymn

“Lord Jesus You are Going Forth”
Christian Worship 126 st. 3

‘Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess,
Who should have borne sin’s wages
And lost the peace of heav’nly bliss
Through everlasting ages.
Instead you go to bear the blow,
My punishment to carry.
Your death and blood lead me to God;
By grace I there may tarry.

P: Jesus assures us, that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C: O Lord, in mercy you sought us. You heard our desperate cry for rescue, and you secured the forgiveness of our sins. How blessed we are that your precious blood purifies us from all our sins and guilt.

Hymn

“Lord Jesus You are Going Forth”
Christian Worship 126 st. 4

O soul, I take upon me now
The pain you should have suffered.
My death will your release allow;
My gift is freely offered.
The curse I choose that you might lose
Sin’s curse and guilt forever.

My gift of love from heav'n above
Will give you blessing ever.

P: It is only by grace through faith we can ever have the confidence to say, "I sought the Lord and he answered me. From all my terrors, he delivered me. From all my distress he saved me. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

Hymn

"Lord Jesus You are Going Forth"
Christian Worship 126 st. 5

What can I for such love divine
To you, Lord Jesus, render?
No merit has this heart of mine;
Yet while I live I'll tender
Myself alone and all I own
In love to serve before you.
Then when time's past, take me at last;
In heav'n I shall adore you.

Evening Prayer

P: O gracious Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have always loved us with an everlasting love. That love was displayed when you went the way of the cross. Daily lead us to acknowledge it was our sins and disobedience which made it necessary for you to suffer and die. Now, because of your undeserved mercy, we are free from our misery. Bless us as we worship you—together with your Father and the Spirit—our only true and saving God.

C: Amen.

The Passion History according to the Four Gospels

Part 6—The Crucifixion of Jesus

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha,

which means, “The place of a skull.” They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Now it was the third hour when they crucified him.

Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’””

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.

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!”

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. 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.’”

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened.

At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah!"

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."

A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. 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.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!"

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he bowed his head and 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. When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God."

When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. All those who knew Jesus, and 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, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken." Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."

P: This is the record of our Savior's Passion!

Congregation sings

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"
Christian Worship 319

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r to hide your face.

This is the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.

Confession of Faith

*(we join in the words of Luther's Explanation the
Second Article of the Apostles Creed)*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

*“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”
Christian Worship 127 st. 1-3*

Stricken, smitten and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, as you hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress.
Many hands were raised to wound him,
none would intervene to save

But the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that justice gave.

If you think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great,
Here you see its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; see who bears the awful load —
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

“The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus”

Sin Multiplies because of Man's Wickedness

Genesis 6:1-7

¹This is what happened when mankind (Adam) began to multiply on the face of the earth.

When daughters were born to people, ²the sons of God (Seth) saw that the daughters of men (Cain) were beautiful, and they took as wives for themselves any of them they chose. ³The LORD said, “My Spirit will not struggle with man forever, because he is only flesh. His days will be 120 years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days. After that, the sons of God went to the daughters of men, who bore children for them. Those became the powerful, famous men of ancient times.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that all the thoughts and plans they formed in their hearts were only evil every day. ⁶The LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with sorrow. ⁷The LORD said, “I will wipe out mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, along with the animals, the creeping things, and the birds of the sky, because I regret that I have made them.”

Grace Multiplies to Cover the Multitude of Sin

Romans 5:20-21

²⁰The law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin in-

creased, grace overflowed much more,²¹ so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace would reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Sin is Only Surpassed by Grace!”

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Evening Litany (*we read responsively*)

P: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By your bloody sweat and bitter agony, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By your triumphant resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the promised coming of the Holy Spirit:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From all spiritual blindness; from self-pride and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of true Christ-like love; From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of the heart, and contempt for your Word and your will:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us your peace.

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

P: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear us as we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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!**

Hymn

“In Adam We Have All Been One”
Christian Worship 396 st. 1-6

In Adam we have all been one, one huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice that sought us as we ran.

We fled our God, and losing him, we lost our brother too.
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
each man his brother slew.

But your strong love, it sought us still and sent your only Son

That we might hear his shepherd voice and hearing him, be one.

O Savior, when we loved you not, you loved and saved us all;
O great good Shepherd of mankind, oh, hear us when we call.

Send us your Spirit; teach us truth to purge our vanity.
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.

Then shall our song united rise to your eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore and Spirit your are one.

Evening Prayer

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your people, 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 while praying with boldness and confidence, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Benediction:

P: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.



C: A — — men!

Closing Hymn

“Abide with Me”
Christian Worship 588 st. 1, 5-7

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour,
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Though cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Silent Prayers

Announcements

Tonight - In our faithful Savior's name, *Welcome to our Mid-week Worship!* May the blessing of Jesus' precious work lead you to rejoice in the assurance he gives that his blood covers a multitude of sin.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—C. Schueler

- Mowing beginning March 17th—F. Florez
- Clean Up Day—9:00 am. *See note on page 16.*

Sunday, March 24th—**In person worship and live streaming at 9:30 am.** Palm Sunday is a day of rejoicing. It also is the beginning of Jesus specific work as our Savior. Because we put our trust in him and in the promises of Scriptures, we can say

through faith—“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

- Christian Education will follow the service.

Coming Opportunities for Service and Worship

Holy Week Worship

Beginning March 24th we will enter the most holy time of the year, and our lives. Palm Sunday begins our walk to the cross and the tomb. Later in the week we will gather with Jesus and his disciples to remember the night he was betrayed and instituted the Lord’s Supper. Finally we come to Good Friday, the day Jesus offered up his life as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

These three services form the foundation of our faith and the certainty we have of life in heaven. Make all three part of your Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday - March 24th at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday - March 28th at 7:00 pm
with the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday - March 29th at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship is March 31st at 9:30 am.

The service will be followed by a brunch for all. Please look where you can serve by providing food, and helping with clean up and set up. There is a sign up sheet on the table for the meal and the Easter Memory Garden.



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