



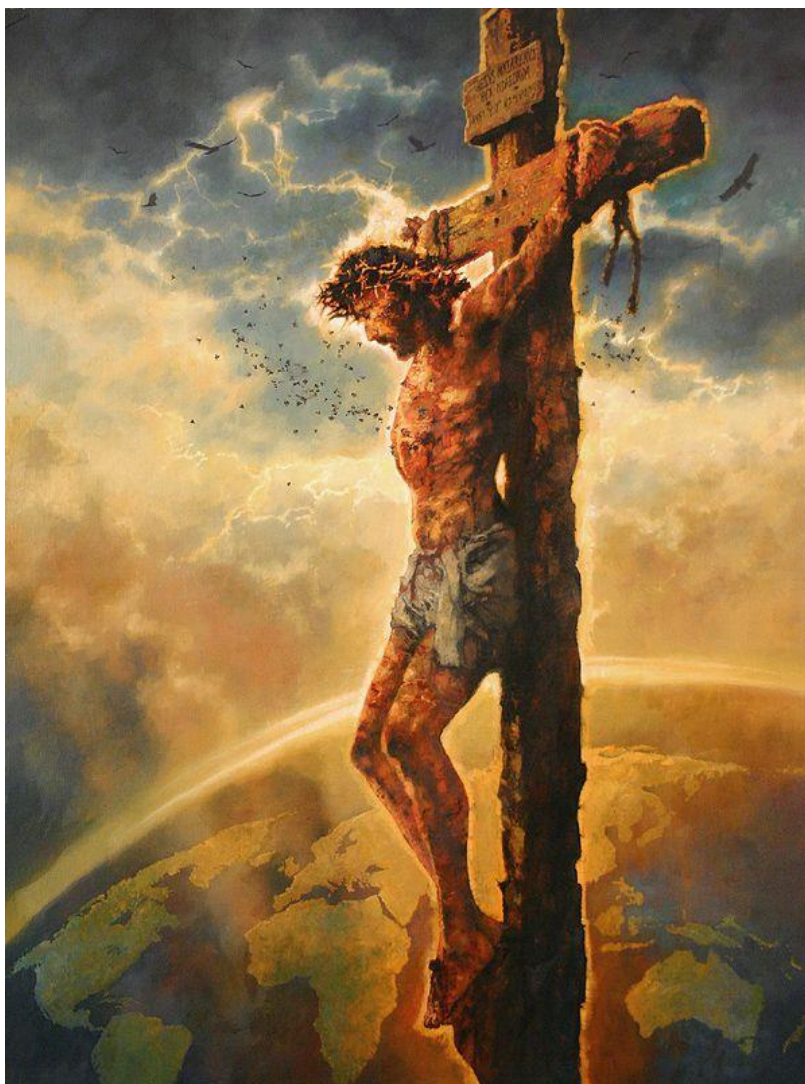
**Holy
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Our Mission:
To make Disciples
by Baptizing and
Teaching about Jesus.

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MEDITATION AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:

Opening Hymn LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended

vss. 7, 1

7	Your cross I place before me It's saving pow'r restore me Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending Be guiding and attending My way to Your Eternal rest.	1	Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended. Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.
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Invocation

LSB 184

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40, John 19:4-16

P Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

P Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "**You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.**"

From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended

vs. 2

2	Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder As blood streams from each pore.	Through grief beyond all knowing From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.
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+ **THE FIRST WORD** + SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Luke 23:33-34

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**" And they cast lots to divide His garments.

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

P God did not spare His own Son,

C **But gave Him up for us all.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

P Let us pray

C **Amen.**

+ **THE SECOND WORD** +

Hymn LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten And Afflicted

vss 1, 2

1 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.

2 Tell me, ye who 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:4

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Luke 23:38-43

There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **By Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**
P Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me
C **Cannot be My disciple.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

- P** Let us pray...
C **Amen.**

+ **THE THIRD WORD** +

Hymn LSB 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

vss. 1-2

<p>1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown. O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.</p>	<p>2 How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn! How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn! Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life; Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.</p>
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

John 19:25-27

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **By Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**
P The Lord has laid on Him the guilt of us all.
C **He was smitten for the people's transgressions.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

- P** Let us pray...
C **Amen.**

+ **THE FOURTH WORD** +

The Hymn 450: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

vss. 3-4

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.	4 My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine. Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine. Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love; Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned---every one---to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**" which means, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
- C** **By Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**
- P** Those who sow in tears
- C** **Shall reap with shouts of joy.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Amen.**

+ **THE FIFTH WORD** +

Hymn LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten And Afflicted

vss 3, 4

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view 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.	4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost: Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "**I thirst.**"

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **By Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**
P They have pierced My hands and feet.
C **I can count all My bones; they stare and gloat over Me.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

- P** Let us pray...
C **Amen.**

+ THE SIXTH WORD +

Hymn 113 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

vss. 5-6

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:11

Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished,**" and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;
C **By Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**
P Surely He has borne our griefs
C **And carried our sorrows.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

P Let us pray...

C Amen.

+ **THE SEVENTH WORD** +
Hymn LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended

vss. 7

7 Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:12b

He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "**Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!**" And having said this He breathed His last.

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

C **by Your cross and precious death You have redeemed the world.**

P Christ, for our sake, became obedient to the point of death,

C **even death on a cross.**

REFLECTION by Pastor

PRAYER by Pastor

P Let us pray...

C Amen.

Job 19:23-27 "Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

John 19:31-37

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Hymn 113 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

vs. 7

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

John 19:38-41

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

THE 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.**

Psalm 23 by Pastor

Blessing

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION