



Today's Theme for Worship: As we near Good Friday and Easter, we remember how sin separates us from God. Yet the Lord did not forsake us; he laid down his life that we might live.

Opening Hymn: 113

Upon the Cross Extended

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.

2 How God at our transgression To anger gives expression,
How loud his thunders roll,
How fearfully he smites him, How sorely he requites him-
All this your suff'rings teach my soul.

3 'Tis I who should be smitten, My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in hell.
The fetters and the scourging, The floods around you surging,
'Tis I who have deserved them well.

4 A crown of thorns you're wearing, My shame and scorn you're bearing
That I might ransomed be.
My bondsman, ever willing, My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt has made me free.

5 Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.
To you I gladly tender All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.

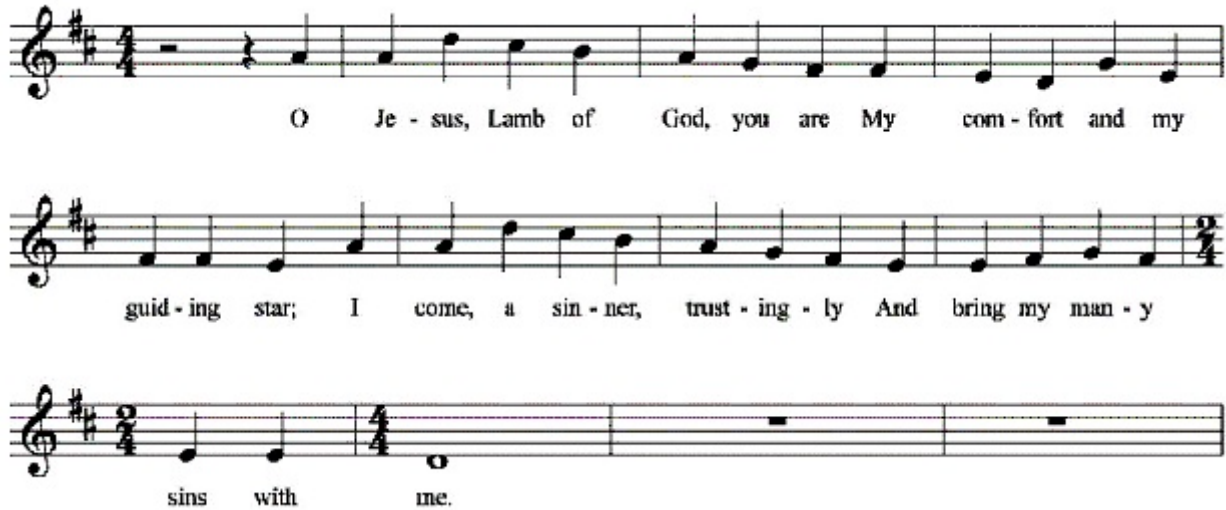
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Order of Service: Service of the Word, p. 38

- M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.



O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com - fort and my
guid - ing star; I come, a sin - ner, trust - ing - ly And bring my man - y
sins with me.

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; I groan in anguish of heart. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. *(selected verses from Psalm 38)*



O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be - neath the
dread - ful weight Be mer - ci - ful to me I pray; take guilt and pun - ish -
ment a - way.

SILENT CONFESSION

Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me cast my
sin on you, For you have left your throne on high to suf - fer for the
world and die.

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P: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. In Jesus you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (*Ephesians 2:4-5 & 1:7*)

C: We have been brought from death to life. Sin shall not be our master, because we are not under law, but under grace. (*Romans 6:13-14*)

Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly to o -
bey your Word. While here I live a - bide with me Then take me home e -
ter - nal - ly.

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♬ Oh Taste And See

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
it stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us Pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♬ *Amen.*

The Lessons are printed on the back of this service folder.

First Lesson

Hosea 5:15 - 6:3

¹⁵“I will go. I will return to my place
until they admit their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

^{6:1}Come, let us return to the LORD.

For he has torn us to pieces,
but he will heal us.

He has struck us,
but he will bandage our wounds.

²After two days he will revive us.

On the third day he will raise us up,
so that we may live in his presence.

³ Let us acknowledge the Lord.

Let us pursue knowledge of the Lord.

As surely as the sun rises,.

The Lord will appear,.

He will come to us like a heavy rain,
like the spring rain that waters the earth

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 130 (Special Music)

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Congregation Sings (Tune: CW129)

Lord, from the depths I call to You Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice When I for mercy cry.

Special Music - Verse 1

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Special Music - Verse 2

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Refrain - Congregation joins w/ Special Music



I will wait for You, I will wait for You; on Your
Word I will re - ly. I will wait for You, sure - ly
wait for You, till my soul is sat - is - fied.

Special Music - Verse 3

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Refrain - Congregation joins w/ Special Music

Special Music - Verse 4

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

2x Refrain - Congregation joins w/ Special Music

Congregation Sings (Tune: CW129)

I wait my soul waits for the Lord My hope is in His word
More than the watchman waits for dawn My soul waits for the Lord

Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-10

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Verse:

John 3:15

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Gospel

Matthew 20:17-28

¹⁷As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.”

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, “What do you want?”

She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.”

²²But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”

They said to him, “We are.”

²³He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day: 486

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th’ unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed ’Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it unto me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?

4 Yes, the sorrow and the suff’rings Which on ev’ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off’rings Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

5 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.

Sermon:

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Apostles' Creed, Hymnal, p. 41

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Prayer of the Church

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

Hymn: 115

He Stood before the Court

1 He stood before the court On trial instead of us;
He met its pow'r to hurt, Condemned to face the cross-
Our King, accused of treachery;
Our God, abused for blasphemy!

2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of human guilt;
Our sins, our death, our hell-On these the case is built.
To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays dumb.
The guilt is ours; no answers come.

3 The sentence must be passed, The unknown pris'ner killed;
The price is paid at last, The law of God fulfilled.
He takes our blame, and from that day
Th' accuser's claim is wiped away.

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Prayer Hymnal, p. 43

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **A-men.**

Blessing (Special Music)

Closing Hymn: 126

Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth

1 (The Soul:)

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.

2 (Jesus:)

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, weigh it, soul; I make you whole, No need now of despairing.

3 (The Soul:)

'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.

4 (Jesus:)

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.

5 (The Soul:)

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.

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