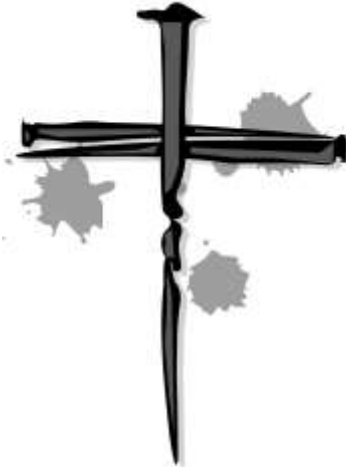


# FIFTH MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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Three Words



of  
**TRUTH**

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OPENING HYMN

373 – O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,  
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the  
And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our



vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire,  
Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.  
lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.  
Tune: ST. AGNES (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

Stand



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated*

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU** (*Psalm 141*)



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**M** Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.



## PSALM

## Psalm 33

Words: st. 1 Psalter Hymnal, 1934; st. 2 Marie J. Post, alt., P.D.  
Music (GENEVAN 68 / 8.8.6.8.8.6 D): Genevan Psalter, 1539, P.D.; harm. Howard Slenk © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

### *Sung by the choir*

*The LORD God from his throne on high  
looks down with clear and searching eye  
on all that dwell below;  
and he that fashioned heart and mind  
looks ever down on human-kind,  
their hearts and minds to know.  
Not human strength or mighty hosts,  
not charging steeds or warlike boasts  
can save from overthrow;  
but God will save from death and shame  
all those who fear and trust his name,  
and they no want shall know.*

*God's eye is on all those who fear;  
to those who hope, the LORD is near,  
according to his Word.  
Death cannot touch those in his hand,  
nor famine conquer in the land;  
we wait upon the LORD.  
In God our hope is firm and sure,  
who makes the joyful heart secure,  
our helper strong and true.  
Our trust is in your holy name;  
your mercy, LORD, in faith we claim,  
as we have hoped in you.*

**M** Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and the earth; through him you continue to rule over all things. Make us, your chosen people, witnesses of your power and heralds of your glory to the praise of your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## PASSION HISTORY READING

## Lesson Four

### According to the Gospel of Matthew (Evangelical Heritage Version™)

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death. So I will have him flogged and release him.”<sup>1</sup>

At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas, who had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you? Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” For Pilate in fact knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

They all shouted together with one voice: “Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!”

Pilate said to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews? What should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify him!”

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<sup>1</sup> Luke 23:13-16

He said to them the third time, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him.” But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.<sup>2</sup>

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.<sup>3</sup>

The governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort<sup>4</sup> of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. They also kept hitting him in the face.<sup>5</sup>

Pilate went outside again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against 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 guards saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him.”

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

When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”

But Jesus gave him no answer.

So Pilate asked him, “Are you not talking to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!”

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<sup>2</sup> Matthew 27:15-23; Mark 15:6-14; Luke 23:17-23; John 18:39-40

<sup>3</sup> John 19:1; Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15

<sup>4</sup> A Roman *cohort* was about six hundred soldiers.

<sup>5</sup> Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:17-25; John 19:2-3

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. It was about the sixth hour<sup>6</sup> on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king!"

They shouted, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your king?"

"We have no king but Caesar!" the chief priests answered.<sup>7</sup>

When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he decided that what they demanded would be done. He took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility."

And all the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.<sup>8</sup>

After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross.

As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him.

Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'<sup>9</sup> For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> The word *about* indicates an approximate time reference. Likely this was in the first part of the day, between 6 AM and 9 AM, using the time system of the Roman civil day, which began at 12 midnight. Mark 15:25 states that Jesus was crucified at 9 AM. John also seems to use Roman civil time to calculate the day in John 20:19 (because the evening is considered part of the *first day of the week*. Jewish time regarded sunset as the beginning of the next day).

<sup>7</sup> John 19:4-15

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 27:24-26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24; John 19:16

<sup>9</sup> Hosea 10:8

<sup>10</sup> Matthew 27:31-32; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:26-31; John 19:16-17





1 When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will  
 2 Oh, what a mar - v'lous of - f'ring! Be - hold, the  
 3 My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can  
 4 There - fore I will for - ev - er Give thanks con



look to you And hence my com - fort bor - row  
 Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their suf - f'ring  
 harm me none Since Je - sus' blood - y pas - sion  
 tin - ual - ly, O Je - sus, lov - ing Sav - ior,



That you were slain for me, Your pre - cious  
 And grief for them he bears, Our God comes  
 For me God's grace has won, His blood my  
 For what you did for me, I'll spend my



blood was of - fered For me, oh, most un -  
 down from heav - en; For me, his guilt - y  
 debt has can - celed; Of hell and all its  
 breath in prais - es For your sad cry, your



wor - thy, To take a - way my guilt.  
 crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.  
 tor - ments I am no more a - fraid,  
 suf - f'ring, Your wounds, your guilt - less death.

Text: Justus Gesenius, 1601–73, abe.; tr. composite.

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchbridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

**SERMON**

John 18:33-40

*Pr. John Hering (Divine Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Garland)*

**Three Words of Truth:  
What Is Truth?**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY**

*Stand*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**M** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



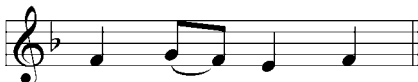
**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



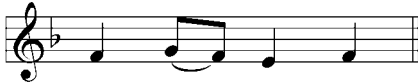
**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



**C:** A - men.

## **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.

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**M** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, 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, 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.

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - - men.

*Be Seated*

# CLOSING HYMN

594 – The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended

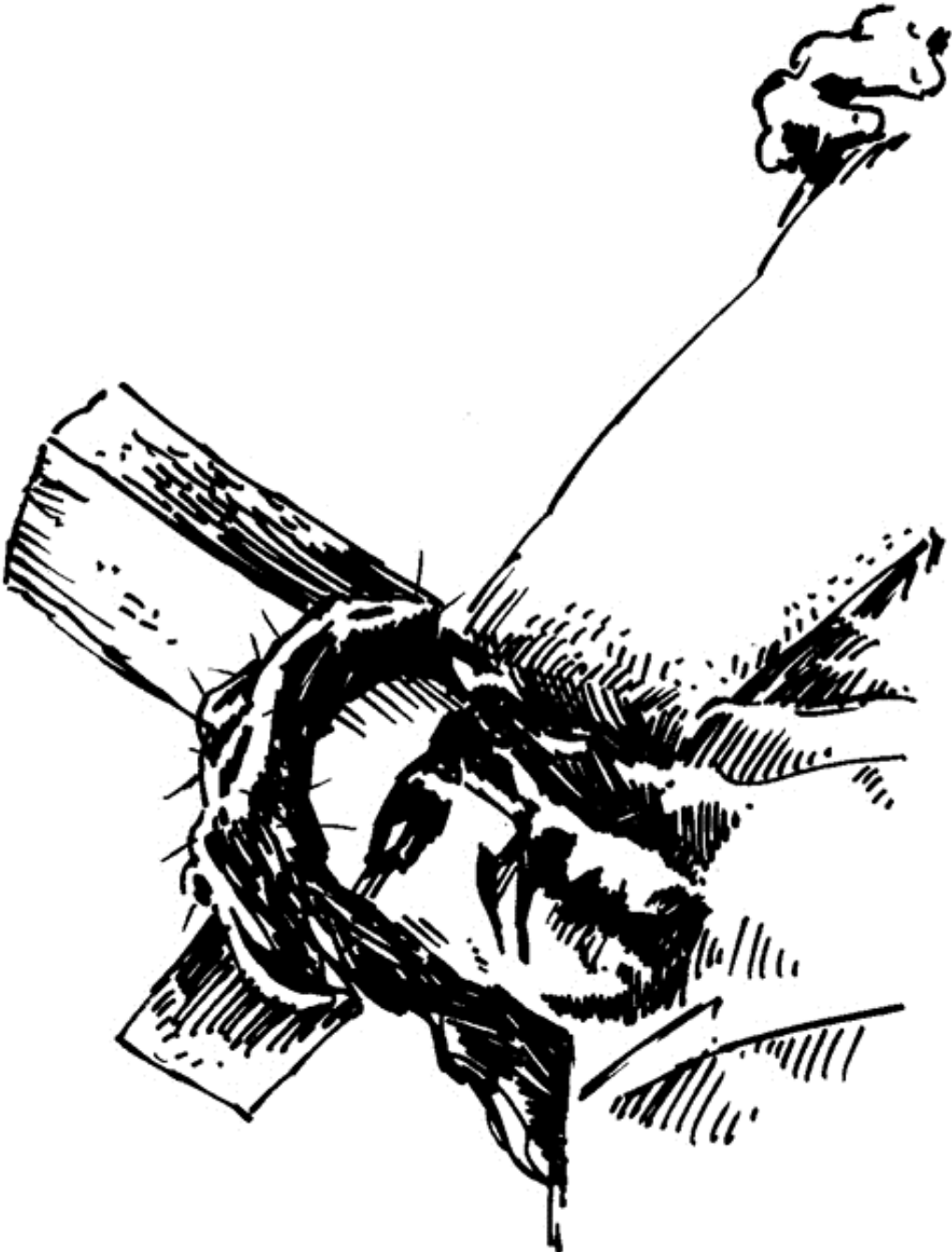
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1 The day you gave us, Lord, is end - ed;  
2 We thank you that your Church, un - sleep - ing  
3 As o - ver con - ti - nent and is - land  
4 So be it, Lord; your throne shall nev - er,  
The dark - ness falls at your re - quest.  
While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
Each dawn leads to an - oth - er day,  
Like earth's proud king - doms, pass a - way.  
To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
Through all the world her watch is keep - ing  
The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
Your king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er  
Your praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
And nev - er rests by day or night.  
Nor do the prais - es die a - way.  
Un - til there dawns your glo - rious day.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. CLEMENT (98 98) Clement C. Schotefield, 1839–1904.





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# Lent and Holy Week

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, together with Holy Week, we will focus on texts of just Three Words... Three Words of Truth. Dates and themes for these services are as follows:



<u>Wednesday/Festival (Date)</u>	<u>Worship Theme</u>
Ash Wednesday (March 6)	Is It I?
Lenten Service (March 13)	Love One Another
Lenten Service (March 20)	Watch and Pray
Lenten Service (March 27)	I Am He
Lenten Service (April 3)	What Is Truth?
Lenten Service (April 10)	Take Him Away
Palm Sunday (April 14)	Save Us Now
Maundy Thursday (April 18)	Take and Eat... Drink
Good Friday (April 19)	It Is Finished!
Easter Sunday (April 21)	He Has Risen!