

# FIFTH MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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# HIS FINAL STEPS

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Led to Some Greeks

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## ✠ Gathering ✠

### OPENING HYMN

420 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis-tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.  
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
and my conscience grieve me,  
let your cross my fear disarm,  
peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
by your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
help me bear my crosses,  
learning humbleness from you,  
peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heav'n above  
sing your praise forever.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**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.**

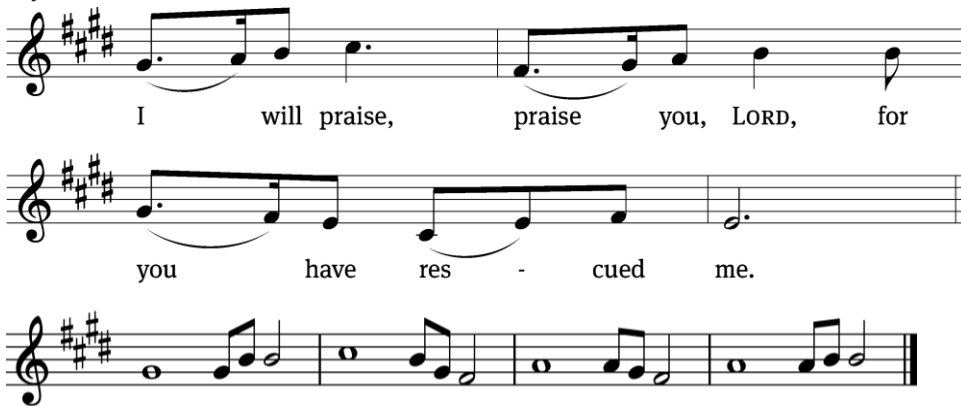
By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## PSALM

Psalm 30

*Refrain*



I will praise, praise you, LORD, for  
you have res - cued me.

**I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out / of the depths;  
you spared me from going down / to the pit.**

**Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful / people;  
praise his / holy name.**

**For his anger lasts only a / moment,**

**but his favor lasts a / lifetime;**

**weeping may stay / for the night,**

**but rejoicing comes in the / morning. *Refrain***

To you, / LORD, I called;  
to the Lord I cried for / mercy:  
“Hear, LORD, and be merci- / ful to me;  
LORD, / be my help.”

You turned my wailing into / dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed / me with joy,  
that my heart may sing your praises and not be / silent.  
LORD my God, I will praise you for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

## PSALM PRAYER

When I was in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted me out. Though your anger blazed down on me because of my sin, you sent your Son to take the brunt of your anger so that I might be spared. Now I rejoice in the splendor of your grace and proclaim your saving deeds to those who will yet praise you as their only Savior. **Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

### *The End of Judas*

<sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders <sup>4</sup>and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

<sup>5</sup>He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup>They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.

### *Jesus' Trial in Pilate's Court*

<sup>11</sup>When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

<sup>12</sup>When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are testifying against you?”

<sup>14</sup>But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

### *Barabbas or Jesus?*

<sup>15</sup>At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

<sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. <sup>21</sup>The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas!” they said.

<sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup>But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

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

<sup>24</sup>When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, 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.”

<sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.



## HYMN OF THE DAY

814 – Just As I Am, Without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

John 12:20-33

*Our thanks to Pastor Strucely from Atonement in Plano for this evening's message.*

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Sermon notes:

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*stand*

## PRAYER

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 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.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*Be seated*

# CLOSING HYMN

## 793 – Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me



1 Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy  
2 All this day thy hand has led me, and I  
3 Let my sins be all for - giv - en, bless the



lit - tle lamb to - night; through the dark - ness  
thank thee for thy care; thou hast clothed me,  
friends I love so well; take me, when I



be thou near me, watch my sleep till morn - ing light.  
warmed and fed me, lis - ten to my eve - ning prayer.  
die, to heav - en, hap - py there with thee to dwell.

### Refrain



When I'm trou-bled and a - fraid I will trust in thee and pray.



Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy lit - tle



lamb to - night, bless thy lit - tle lamb to - night.

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