

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O crucified Jesus, friend of sinners, you bring forgiveness and love.

People: We worship you.

Pastor: O crucified Jesus, full of kindness, source of deepest mercy,

People: we worship you.

Pastor: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you God has come to save us.

People: We worship you.

Pastor: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: grant us peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (READ BY ALL)

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you, now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

WORD

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Pastor: On the cross, Jesus revealed his solidarity with all who suffer. This night we listen once again to the story of Jesus' suffering and death. We reflect with wonder on how God lovingly embraces this wounded world in order to bring forgiveness and new life.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: Oh, come, let us worship him.

MEDITATION

A time of silence...

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ELW 347 (red book)

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| <p>1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
your Redeemer’s conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.</p> | <p>2. Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING

TRUST BETRAYED

Luke 22:47-53

MEDITATION

A time of silence...

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW 349 (red book)

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| <p>1. Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee
have in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.</p> | <p>2. Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason,
Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus,
I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING

JUSTICE PERVERTED

Luke 22:66-71

MEDITATION

A time of silence...

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”** **ELW 712** (*red book*)

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev’ry gift which you impart.</p> | <p>2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING **POWER ABUSED** **Luke 23:13-25**

MEDITATION

A time of silence...

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

HYMN **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”** **ELW 324** (*red book*)

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| <p>1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.</p> <p>2. When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.</p> | <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there
that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING **PERSECUTED AND HUMILIATED** **Luke 23:26, 32-38**

MEDITATION

A time of silence...

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

HYMN**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”****ELW 351** *(red book)*

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| <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 does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!</p> | <p>Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.</p> <p>3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING**CONDEMNED AS A CRIMINAL****Luke 23:39-43****MEDITATION***A time of silence...*

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”****ELW 803** *(red book)*

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| <p>1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things
that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.</p> | <p>4. Were the whole realm
of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE READING**DYING ALONE****Luke 23:44-49****MEDITATION***A time of silence...*

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN

“Abide with Me”

ELW 629 (*red book*)

1. 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.

2. Swift to its close
ebbs out life’s little day;
earth’s joys grow dim,
its glories pass away;

change and decay
in all around I see;
O thou who changest not,
abide with me.

5. 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.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (PRAYED BY ALL)

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

SENDING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Taize chant

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We go into the dark

People: **But there is a light that shines that not even death can put out.**

Pastor: We go into the dark

People: **but even now new life is dawning.**

Pastor: We go into the dark

People: **In the sure and certain hope that Christ is with us.**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**