

**LENT 5**

**MARCH 17, 2021**

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**Order Of Worship**

**HYMN 117 (verses 1-5): O Dearest Jesus**

**1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make confession—What dark transgression?**

**2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you:  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;  
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you; they crucify you.**

**3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;  
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit, this I do merit.**

**4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt his servants owe him, Who would not know him.**

**5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted—God is committed.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.**

**Congregation: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**Pastor: Hasten to save me, O God.**

**Congregation: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Pastor: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening worship. 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**THE PSALM: Psalm 119b**

**Pastor:** Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

**CONGREGATION: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

**Pastor:** Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

**CONGREGATION: Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your Word.**

**Pastor:** Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

**CONGREGATION: How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**THE PASSION HISTORY: Condemned and Crucified**

**HYMN 128: Not All the Blood of Beasts**

**1 Not all the blood of beasts On Israel's altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.**

**2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away.  
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.**

**3 In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,  
As penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.**

**4 My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree—I know my guilt was there!**

**5 Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing his bleeding love.**

**SERMON TEXT – Matthew 27:19-26**

**Cold Hands – Cold Hearts**

19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." 20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. 21 "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. 22 "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" 23 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" 24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" 25 All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**HYMN 454: I Gave My Life for Thee**

**1 I gave my life for thee; my precious blood I shed  
That thou might'st ransomed be and quickened from the dead.  
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thyself to me!**

**2 My Father's home of light, my rainbow-circled throne,  
I left for earthly night, for wand'rings sad and lone.  
I left it all for thee; Come now and follow me!**

**3 I spent long years for thee In weariness and woe  
That an eternity of joy though mightest know.  
I spent long years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.**

**4 I suffered much for thee, more than my tongue may tell,**

**Of bitt' rest agony, to rescue thee from hell.  
I suffered much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.**

**5 And I have brought to thee down from my home above  
Salvation full and free, my pardon and my love.  
Great gifts I brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.**

**6 Oh, let thy life be spent, thy years for me be giv' en,  
As I for thee was sent to bear thee home to heav'n.  
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.**

### **PRAYER/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.

### **OFFERING**

**The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.**

### **BLESSING**

#### **HYMN 115: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night**

**1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath thine own almighty wings.  
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die so that I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.  
Oh, may my soul on thee repose And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake.**

**3 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me distress.  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**