

# The Deepest Stroke that Pierced Him Was the Stroke that JUSTICE Gave.

## Our Order of Worship:

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*



C:                   A\_\_\_\_\_men.

Opening Hymn: 149 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

P: O Lord, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

**C: Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance. (Psalm 89:14-15)**

P: "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him;

**C: He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.**

P: He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

**C: A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.**

P: He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth;

**C: And the coastlands shall wait for His law." (Isaiah 42:1-4)**

## Confession of Sin

P: "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;  
Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes.  
Cease to do evil,

**C: Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.**

P: “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord,  
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

**C: Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:16-18)**

**ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, You are Holy, set apart from sin. We are sinners, completely born in sin and corrupted by sin. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our sin separates us from you. We are truly sorry for our sins and tremble at the thought of Your punishment, but we find hope and peace in Your Justice and Righteousness which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. We stand in awe and wonder as we see Jesus fulfilling Your Justice for us. We have both sorrow and joy as we see Jesus suffer and die knowing it was because of our sins, but knowing that through His death we have life and peace. Forgive us we pray for Jesus' sake, and renew us by Your Spirit, to glorify Your name. Amen.**

*Sing: Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving Nor Thee crucify anew By unholy living. How could I refuse to shun Every sinful pleasure Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?*

P: Rejoice, dear repentant sinners! Jesus Christ has fulfilled God's holy Justice for us. He has made full payment for all your sins. You are forgiven and have been received as His own dear child forever. “The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” (Is 53:5b) Amen.

*Sing: If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me. Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion. If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.*

*P: Let us pray - Merciful and everlasting God, you did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins in His own body on the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear Your wrath but live in joyful service to You all our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our*

*Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Cong:**



A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

### **A HARMONY OF THE PASSION:**

**Sing:** *Jesus, I will ponder now on Thy holy Passion;  
With Thy Spirit me endow for such meditation. Grant that I in love and  
faith May the image cherish Of Thy suffering, pain, and death, That I  
may not perish.*

*( - Passion Reading - )*

**Sing:** *Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds  
and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion; Make me see how  
scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee, How for man Thou  
diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.*

*Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Thy Passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Thy deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause hath been Of Thy crucifixion.*

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

*Sermon Hymn: 153 Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted*

**Our Lenten Meditation:**

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**Today's Text: John 18:12-14 & 19-24**

**Theme: Before Annas, Jesus was Interrogated**

**Sing:** *Grant that I may willingly Bear with Thee my crosses, Learning humbleness of Thee, Peace mid pain and losses. May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heaven above Sing Thy praise forever.*

**Offering of thankful hearts:**

**Communion** (Insert -Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)

*~ Prayers & 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.

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**Closing Hymn:** 155 *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*

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ASH WEDNESDAY - MAR. 5, 2025

Hymns: 149, 153, 155

Sermon Text: John 18:12-13, 19-24

Before Annas, Jesus was Interrogated

WEDNESDAY - MAR. 12, 2025

Hymns: 151, See the Lamb (insert), 144,

Sermon Text: Mark 14:53-64

Before Caiphas, Jesus was Convicted

WEDNESDAY - MAR. 19, 2025

Hymns: 143 st. 1-7, 153, 179

Sermon Text: Luke 23:1-7

Before Pilate, Jesus was Charged

WEDNESDAY - MAR. 26, 2025

Hymns: 142 st. 1-4, See the Lamb (insert), 178

Sermon Text: Luke 23:6-12

Before Herod, Jesus was Cross Examined

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 2, 2025

Hymns: 141, 153, 173

Sermon Text: Luke 23:13-25

Before the Mob, Jesus was Sentenced

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 9, 2025

Hymns: 145, See the Lamb (insert), 175

Sermon Text: John 19:1-16

Before the People, Jesus was Acquitted but Punished

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 2025

Sermon Text: Isaiah 53:4-12  
Before the Father, Jesus was Executed

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025  
Sermon Text: Romans 1:1-7  
Before the World, Jesus was Exonerated!