

# March 13 2024: Midweek Lent 5

## God On Trial: Sympathy

### Opening Hymn: 419 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

#### Confession of Sins

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

We confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (T) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is  
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -  
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the  
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.  
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.  
low - ly and raise them from the dust.  
name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -  
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er  
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you  
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.  
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.  
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.  
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

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## Psalm Prayer

Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Passion History: Trial before Pilate

Mark 14:66—15:15

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup>He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

<sup>72</sup>Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup>“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup>A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup>knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup>“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup>“Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup>“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup>Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## Hymn: 433 God Was There on Calvary

### Sermon: Luke 23: 26-34

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<sup>26</sup>As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

<sup>28</sup>Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’

<sup>30</sup>Then

“ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”  
and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

<sup>31</sup>For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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### Prayer of the Church

## **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.**

## **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: 396 Christ, the Life of All the Living**

*Stanzas 1-2, 6*

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## Holy Week Worship

### **Palm Sunday**

**March 23** Saturday Worship 5:30 PM

**March 24** Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

*Walk through Seder Meal between Sunday services*

**March 25** Monday Worship 6:00 PM

### **Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

**March 28** Thursday 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

### **Good Friday Tenebrae**

**March 29** Friday 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### **Easter Sunday March 31**

6:30 Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM Easter Worship

Brunch served 7-9:30 AM

*No worship Saturday, March 30 or Monday, April 1*