



LENT 2026

## The Order of Worship

**OPENING PRAYER:** *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

**HYMN:** #140.....“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

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 suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.

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;

*Pastor: Bless we the Lord.*

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Cong: Amen!**

**SILENT PRAYER.**

**HYMN: #180..... “Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”**

**Jesus, in Thy dying woes,  
Even while Thy lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for Thy foes:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Savior, for our pardon sue  
When our sins Thy pangs renew;  
For we know not what we do:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**Oh, may we who mercy need  
Be like Thee in heart and deed  
When with wrong our spirits bleed!  
Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.**

**THE PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER:** *We offer our petitions  
to the Lord and join in the prayer our Lord taught us.*

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**Cong: And with your spirit.**

*Pastor: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good  
counsels, and all just works proceed, give to Your serv-  
ants that peace which the world cannot give, that our  
hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and  
that we, being defended by You from the fear of our en-  
emies, may pass our time in rest and quietness  
through the merits of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

**Cong: Amen.**

**This indeed the cause hath been  
Of Thy crucifixion.**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Cong: Amen.**

*Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*

**Cong: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

*Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*

**Cong: A broken and contrite heart, O Lord, You will not despise.**

On my heart imprint Thine image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation,  
And my Glory and Salvation. Amen.

## THE PASSION READING:

**HYMN:** #145.....“*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*”

Jesus, Refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended,  
Gaze upon the sinner's fall!

Yet, upon the cross extended,  
Thou didst bear the pain of all.  
Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding,  
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro't us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Thy grace hath taught us  
Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To Thy cross of agony  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

**THE SERMON:** Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

## The Seven Words From the Cross

**The First Word: A Word of Forgiveness**

**THE OFFERING:** *We offer our livelihood to the Lord in response to His grace.*