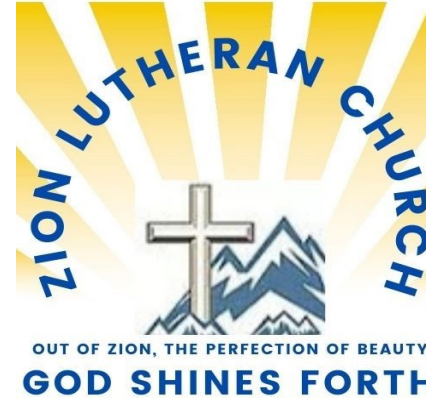


THE BENEDICTION

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Cong: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER



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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 Your holy Passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suffring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.**

**Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails, did wound You,
How for man You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.**

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

**Righteous One by law convicted,
All to bear our guilt and shame.
Falsely charged, yet rightly sentenced:
Sin's full weight upon Him laid.
Deep the stroke by which He suffered –
God's own justice there displayed.**

**See the Head of our salvation
Mocked and scorned, yet crowned as King;
Breath that formed the world's foundation
Cried beneath affliction's sting;
Hands that oft' were raised in blessing
Pierced to nail Him to the tree,
Yet what held Him there was justice
And love for humanity.**

**See God high on curs'ed timber
While no help came from above;
Heaven's sword, in righteous anger,
Struck the Lamb in wondrous love!
Now in Him our curse is ended,
Sin is crushed, and wrath is stayed;
God remains both just and gracious
By the stroke His justice made.**

**See, the grave no more can hold Him,
Sin and death resign their claim;
Christ, the Risen Judge and Savior,
Lives and ever rules the same.
Hail, the Lord whom men rejected!
Praise the Christ who sinners saved!
Mercy reigns, and love has triumphed
Through the stroke that justice gave.**

LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

“The Stroke that Justice Gave”

(John 18:12-13, 19-24)

(ESV) 12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year... 19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” 22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” 23 Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

1: Jesus Unjustly Interrogated

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

HYMN.....“The Stroke that Justice Gave”

**See the Lamb despised, rejected,
Bound, and beaten for our gain;**

**Grant that I Your Passion view
With repentant grieving
Nor You 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?**

INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P: O Lord, open my mouth,

Cong: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

P: Come quickly, O God, to deliver me.

Cong: Come quickly to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

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

P: Since we have come to draw near to worship the only true God, who dwells in inapproachable light and whose ways are just and true, yet we do so as those who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, let us first acknowledge our unworthiness to Him and seek His forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in

many ways, not only by outward transgression but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to You. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I pray, of Your great goodness, to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

P: On the basis of your confession, I declare to you the righteousness of God, which is revealed apart from the Law, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. You are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong: Amen.

Cong:

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us,
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, our Merciful Father, we come before you in awe and wonder as we consider the amazing love that You have shown to sinful, rebellious man,

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.**

HYMN: #143.....“O Dearest Jesus”

**O dearest Jesus,
What law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence
Should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime
Hast Thou to make confession--
What dark transgression?**

**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.**

**The sinless Son of
God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of
Man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his
Life and is acquitted--
God is committed!**

that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? But how then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus? Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given me?"

In that hour Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you in the temple, teaching, and you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness. All this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. The Scriptures must be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body; and the young men laid hold of him. He left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

in giving Your Son to suffer for us that we might be justified through Him. Lord, fill us with an ever greater appreciation for the sacrifice You made for us. Lord teach us to repent of our sins and rejoice in Your forgiveness. All the worship and praise that we can give cannot thank You enough for what You have done for us. Accept our praise today and increase our faith and love for You. Hear us for Christ's sake.

Cong: Amen.

THE PASSION READING

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out to the Mount of Olives as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away." And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." But Peter spoke more vehemently: "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." And so said all the disciples.

They went over the brook Kidron, and they came to a garden named Gethsemane. When He came to the place, Jesus said to His disciples: "Sit here while I go and pray over there. Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, and He was withdrawn from the others about a stone's throw. And He began to be sorrowful, troubled, and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceed-

ingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” He went a little farther, and He knelt down. He fell to the ground on His face and prayed, that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. He said: “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will. Not My will, but Yours, be done.” Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony He prayed more fervently; and His sweat became like great drops of blood, falling down to the ground.

When He rose up from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? What, could you not watch with Me one hour?” He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise, watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing and ready, but the flesh is weak.” He went away again a second time and prayed, saying the same words, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. So He left them and went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same words once more. Then He came to His disciples the third time, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough. Behold, the hour has come; it is at hand. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us be going. Behold, he who betrays Me is at hand.”

Now Judas, one of the twelve, who betrayed Jesus, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Judas, having received a detachment of

troops and officers from the chief priests and the scribes and the Pharisees and elders of the people, came there with lanterns and torches, and weapons: swords and clubs. Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, a great multitude came, and the one called Judas went before them. Now he who betrayed Jesus had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; take Him, and lead Him away safely.” Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?” They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. When He said to them, “I am He,” they went backward and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He; therefore if you seek Me, let these go their way,” -- that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.” Judas drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. He went up and said to Him, “Hail, Master!” and kissed Him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come? Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

When those who were around Jesus saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. Suddenly Simon Peter, one of those who stood by with Jesus, stretched out his hand and drew out his sword, and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus. Jesus said, “Permit even this!” And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath; for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think