LENT 2026

The Order of Worship

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

HYMN: #154.....*"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"*

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;

May we know that God is near:
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 servants 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 enemies, 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.

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.

Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.
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.

Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee
That Thou hast died to set us free;
Made righteous thro' Thy precious blood,
We now are reconciled to God.

By virtue of Thy wounds we pray,
True God and Man, be Thou our Stay,
Our Comfort when we yield our breath,
Our Rescue from eternal death.
Amen.

THE PASSION READING

HYMN: #158.....*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!
Amen.

THE SERMON: Matthew 27:45-46
(ESV) Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. (46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The Seven Words From the Cross

The Fourth Word: A Word of Substitution

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

HYMN: #183..... *"Jesus, Loving to the End"*

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heaven is shown:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

When we vainly seem to pray,
And our hopes seem far away,
In the darkness be our Stay:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.
Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,