

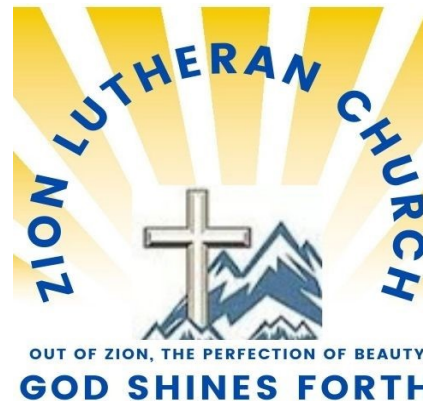
**Christ, the Risen Judge and Savior,  
Lives and ever rules the same.  
Hail, the Lord whom men rejected!  
Praise the Christ who sinners saved!  
Mercy reigns, and love has triumphed  
Through the stroke that justice gave.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

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

**Cong: Amen.**

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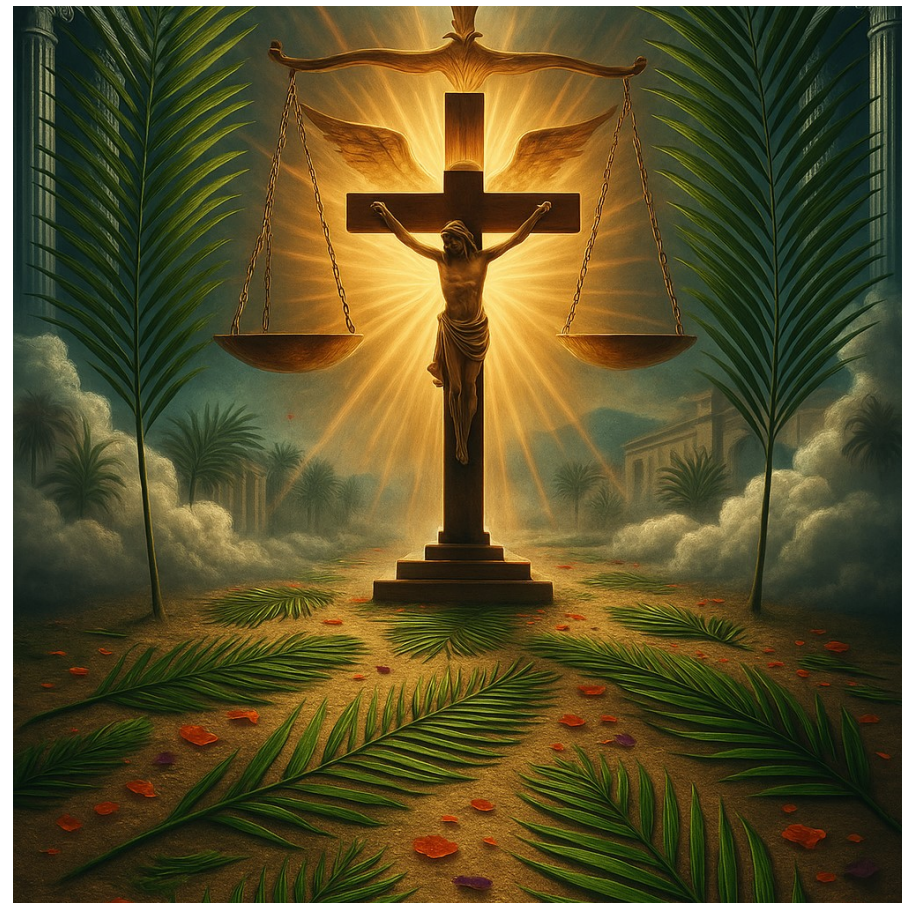
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## The Order of Worship

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

**HYMN:** #160.....“*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*”

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Is praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With psalms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present. Amen.

**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;  
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;

people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. (28) But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. (29) For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' (30) Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' (31) For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (32) Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. (33) And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. (34) And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. (35) And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" (36) The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine (37) and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" (38) There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." (39) One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" (40) But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." (42) And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (43) And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## # 6: Jesus Unjustly Crucified

### 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 lips,*

**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 transgressions 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: Almighty God, You graciously sent Your Son into the world that through His poverty we might be made rich. By Your Holy Spirit, cause us to take refuge in and to follow the example of His selfless obedience that we, trusting in His suffering and death for us, might share in the glory of His resurrection as joint heirs with Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

**Cong: Amen.**

**The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN: #175.....“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that harm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES:**

## **“The Stroke that Justice Gave”**

(Luke 23:26-43)

(ESV) And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. (27) And there followed him a great multitude of the

breathed His last. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth quaked; and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and, coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

When the centurion, who stood opposite Jesus, saw what had happened and that He cried out like this, and those with him saw the earthquake he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man. Truly this Man was the Son of God.”

#### **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.**

**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 PASSION READING**

Then they crucified Him there, and two others with Him, robbers and criminals, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and Jesus in the center. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.” Now it was the third hour (about 9:00 am) when they crucified Him.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they do.” Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and divided them up among themselves into four parts, to each soldier a part, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be;” that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”

Therefore the soldier did these things; and, sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

Now Pilate wrote a title or inscription of His accusation over Him. The soldiers put it above His head on the cross. It was written: “This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in letters of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.””

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

The people stood, looking on. Those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise even the rulers, the chief priests, together with the scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders, sneered at Him and mocked Him among themselves and said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the Chosen of God. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe in Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. One of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If you are the Christ, save Yourself and us!"

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved, standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. Now it was about the sixth hour (12:00 noon). Then the sun was darkened and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 pm). Then at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!" Which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You [hast Thou] forsaken Me?"

When some of those who stood by heard that, they said, "Look! This Man is calling for Elijah."

After this, Jesus, seeing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst."

Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there. Then immediately someone ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, on hyssop, and put it to His mouth and offered it to Him to drink. The others said, "Let Him alone! Let us see if Elijah will come to save Him and take Him down."

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And when Jesus had cried out again with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Your [Thy] hands I commend My spirit." And having said this, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit, and