

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to your name,**  
**O Most High,**  
to herald your love in the morning,  
**your truth at the close of day.**



**Hymn**

431 O Perfect Life of Love

## **Confession of Sins**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## **Passion History**

Matthew 27:1–26

*Please read the bolded portions.*

<sup>1</sup>Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor. <sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders <sup>4</sup>and said, **“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”** But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.” <sup>5</sup>He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup>The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup>They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>**So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day.** <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.

<sup>11</sup> When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, “**Are you the King of the Jews?**” Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.” <sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “**Don’t you hear how many things they are testifying against you?**” <sup>14</sup> But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

<sup>15</sup> At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “**Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?**” <sup>18</sup> For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. <sup>21</sup> The governor asked them, “**Which of the two do you want me to release to you?**” “Barabbas!” they said. <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “**Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?**” They all said to him, “Crucify him!” <sup>23</sup> But the governor said, “**Why? What has he done wrong?**” But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.” <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “**Let his blood be on us and on our children!**” <sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

**Psalm**

38B LORD, Do Not Forsake Me

*Refrain*

LORD, do not for - sake me; quick-ly come to help me.

*Tone*

LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger  
or discipline me / in your wrath.  
Your arrows have / pierced me,  
and your hand has come / down on me.  
My guilt has over- / whelmed me  
like a burden too heav- / y to bear. *Refrain*

All my longings lie open be- / fore you, Lord;  
my sighing is not hidden / from you.

LORD, I / wait for you;  
you will answer, / Lord my God.

I confess my in- / iquity;  
I am troubled / by my sin.

Come quickly to / help me,  
my Lord and my / Savior.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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## Sermon Text

Mark 15:17–21

<sup>17</sup>They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

## Hymn

430 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

## Sermon

## Connect Card and Offering

## Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, and bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Song of Simeon

**In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for every people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the <sup>T</sup> Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

*396 Christ, the Life of All the Living sts. 1, 4, 7*

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