



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Glorious Savior, Wounded for Me* Various

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, you teach us to cling to scripture as you speak psalms from the cross. You paint an image of mercy as you tend to your mother's grief. You ask us to recognize the frailties of our enemies, to give and to seek forgiveness, for they know not what they do. You amaze us as you commend your own spirit, embracing God's love peacefully. Holy Christ, show us the blessings in the cloud of sacrifice, that we may sing of you when we sing, our awesome God. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship praying for the strength to be a witness for Christ.

How do we go on singing?

Even in your suffering, you forgive and you uplift the oppressed, eyes raised to heaven.

Like the thief beside you, we long to be with you in glory.

For your assurance, we give you praise.

† HYMN **O Sacred Head Now Wounded** Hymnal #221

GOSPEL READING John 18-19

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

The cross that held the Savior of the world.

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- ❖ My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; (Call and Response: and you have made a cross for your Savior. **Lord Have Mercy.**)
- ❖ I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I spoke to you my Word, the promise of my love for all; but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I gave you the keys to my realm and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; (Call and Response)
- ❖ I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; (Call and Response)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Beloved people of God, as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross to offer life and salvation to all, let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered his prayers with loud cries and tears to the One who was able to save him from death.

On this day, we pray in Jesus' name:

○ Lord, do not be far away; **○ God, come quickly to help us.**

Remember your church.... Keep us faithful to the gospel, proclaiming the good news of salvation even in the face of danger and death.

○ Lord, do not be far away; **○ God, come quickly to help us.**

Remember your world.... Rescue this perishing planet, condemned by human cruelty; do not let it be destroyed forever.

○ Lord, do not be far away; **○ God, come quickly to help us.**

Remember all nations.... Break the sword and snap the spear; trample the high walls and thorny fences that separate neighbors and nations.

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Remember those who face death.... Restore the lives of those who suffer, give hope to those who are despairing, and welcome the dying into your arms.

○ Lord, do not be far away; **○ God, come quickly to help us.**

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, your suffering servant, our only hope of salvation, in whose name we pray the prayer he taught his disciples, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

At the tolling of the bell, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

† *Please rise, in body or in spirit.*



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