

Prelude

Scripture Sentences

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. 1 John 4:10

The Power of the Cross

Welcome

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Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

"You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

The Whole Congregation Responds: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Confession

Leader:

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God, confident in all that Jesus did for us on the Cross.

All: O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us after thy great goodness; According to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences; Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, And cleanse us from our sins; For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A Prayer for Pardon through the Cross

Leader: Almighty Father, who of your great love gave your dearly beloved Son to die for us; Grant that through his Cross our sins may be put away, and remembered no more against us, and that, cleansed by his Blood, and mindful of his sufferings, we may take up our cross daily, and follow him in newness of life, until we come to his everlasting kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Children transition to activities in upstairs classrooms

Psalm 22: 1-24

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Dramatic Reading: Matthew 27.1-54

INDIVIDUALS: Narrator: Gwyneth Roodnick
 Judas: Sarah Fleming
 Pilate: Brian Roodnick
 Jesus: William Chen
 Pilate's Wife: Reagen Wright
 Centurion: Prafful Siddanati

CONGREGATION: Chief Priests / Congregation / Soldiers / Bystanders (**parts in bold**)

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

NARRATOR: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

NARRATOR: But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: **"What is that to us? See to it yourself."**

NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: **"It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."**

NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: "**Barabbas.**"

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: "**Let him be crucified!**"

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: "**Let him be crucified!!**"

NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: "**His blood be on us and on our children!**"

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

SOLDIERS: "**Hail, King of the Jews!**"

NARRATOR: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.)

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "**You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "**He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**"

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "**This man is calling for Elijah.**"

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

BYSTANDERS: **"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Short Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Ah, Holy Jesus

Homily Truly the Son of God (Matthew 27:27-54)

Matt Myers

Prayers and Collect of the Day

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; **Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Congregation Repositions to Narthex

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1700's; Tune: *Rockingham*, by Edward Miller, 1700's. Public domain.

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| 1. 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. | 3. 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? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4. 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! |

Concluding prayer (*Said by All*)

O God, who gave your Son Jesus to redeem us all by His obedience unto death; Give us grace to remember His sacrifice for us, the we may take up our Cross every day, and follow Him in faith, for we ask in His Name. Amen.

Choral Postlude Ave Verum Corpus, K 618, by Mozart (1791)

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste (of the heavenly banquet) in the trial of death.*

Blessing May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**