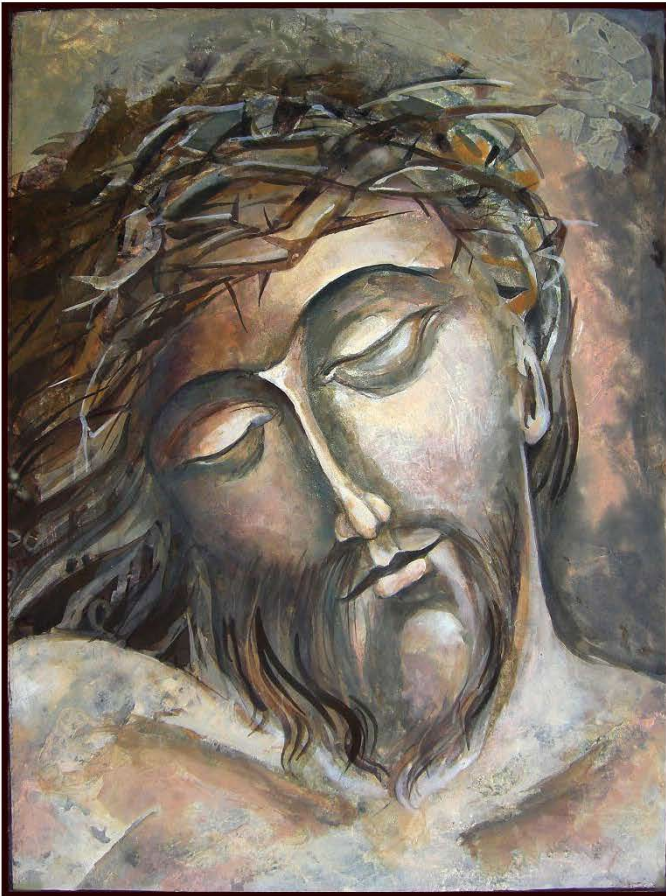


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Fifth Wednesday in Lent

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Hymn 409

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Please stand

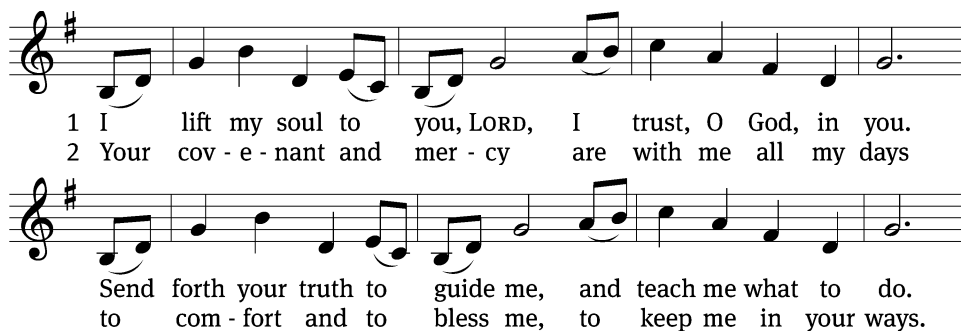
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness,
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

Congregation Responds 785 “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

Please be seated

Psalm 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.



Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;
 When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,
 for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.
 to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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Reading of the Passion History

Matthew 27:1–26

End of Judas, Jesus' Trial in Pilate's Court, and Barabbas or Jesus?

P=Pastor M=Men W=Women

P: Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

W: 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 and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

M: But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

P: He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

M: 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." They reached a decision to buy the potter's field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day.

W: 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, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.

P: When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

M: Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

P: When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are testifying against you?”

W: But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

P: At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. At that time, they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. 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?” For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

W: 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.”

P: But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

M: “Barabbas!” they said.

P: Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

M: They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

P: But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

M: But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

W: 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,

P: “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

M: And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

W: Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir

3:30 PM 3-4th Grade

6:30 PM Adult Choir

Hymn 434

“Upon the Cross Extended”

Sermon

Isaiah 50:4-9 EHV

An Obedient Servant... A Servant Helped by the LORD

⁴The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,
so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵The LORD God opened my ear,

and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶I submitted my back to those who beat me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷The LORD God will help me,

so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.

I know that I will not be put to shame.

⁸The one who will acquit me is near!

Who can accuse me?

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹Look, the LORD God will help me.

Who then can declare me guilty?

Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.

A moth will consume them.

Please stand

Lord, Have Mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer for Peace

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn 819

“If God Himself Be for Me”

No formal offering will be taken today. If you wish to give a gift to St. John’s, please deposit it in an offering plate in the narthex. Thank you!

Acknowledgments

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*You are invited to attend a special
Lenten Meal hosted by our*

Parish Nurses



MENU

Tacos, Nacho Chips, Rice and Beans

*There is a free-will offering to support the Parish Nurses
Donations may be given with cash/check at the meal, on our
website and app, or use the QR Code here. Thank you to all
those who donated food and worked to prepare the food!*

