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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### SERVICE THEME:

#### Jesus Is Our High Priest Who Offers Himself

Before Jesus was born, believers had to regularly offer up sacrifices for sin. Only the High Priest could go before God with the blood and prayers of the people. These sacrifices would go on and on for the entire life of the Old Testament believer as a vivid reminder that someday God would send a Savior who would be sacrificed in place of all people. Today we read in the Word of God that Jesus, our High Priest, would sacrifice himself and bring a new covenant of life that would last forever.



**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation:** Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

# **THE WORD**

## **THE PASSION HISTORY from MARK, part 5**

## 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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Drawn to the Cross"

*Christian Worship #387*

1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
of sweet my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

**“Christ is Our Strength When We Are Tempted to Infidelity”**

**9** Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men **10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**11** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**12** “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.

**13** You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. **14** By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. **15** Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! **16** Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” **17** But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. **18** Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. **19** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; **20** you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our jealous God, save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment by filling us with Your Son’s zeal for Your house in these Lenten days, that we may cast out every idol from our hearts and love only You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** O Lord, our God, You have brought us out of slavery to sin through Christ Jesus, whom You have made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Bless all those whom You send to preach Christ crucified to us, that we may ever know and live in the truth of Your power in His cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently

bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it might go well with us in our land. Bless all those who watch over and govern us in Your stead. Make them wise in Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us, and help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O God, whose steadfast love in Christ is good, turn in Your abundant mercy to all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them from sinking into the mire and deep waters, and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant us to come before You in humble repentance to eat Your Son's body and blood, that we may not boast in ourselves in Your presence but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, as three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again, grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”

Christian Worship #403

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -

Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -  
seeks by night and day To rob me of this  
cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's  
treasure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,  
whelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -  
Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -  
then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on  
mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be  
you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,  
un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,  
prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing shall  
A firm - er faith be - stow. Then I shall  
Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by

in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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