

Communion Song: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended" LUYH 172

1. *Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!*
2. *Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.*
3. *For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;
your death of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.*
4. *Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you and will ever pray you, think on your pity
and your love unswerving, not my deserving.*

Words: Johann Heermann; tr. Robert Bridges; Music: Johann Crüger

Sending

Sending Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "O For a Closer Walk with God" LUYH 324:1,4,5

1. *O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*
4. *The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.*
5. *So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

Words: William Cowper; Music: John B. Dykes

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

Worship Participants

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Hearing Assistance

An FM hearing assistance system is available for those who need it. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Psalm 25:4, 10

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

† The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool and was often used as a form of pilgrimage for those who couldn't go on a literal pilgrimage. By walking one or tracing one with their finger, many Christians use a labyrinth as a way to pray and meditate, asking God to guide them through the twists and turns of life, seeking Christ as the center.

Gathering

Welcome & Invocation (Psalm 124:8, 118:24, 51:15) p.967, 957, 890

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths shall declare your praise.

*Song: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" LUYH 43

1. *Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.*

2. *Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.*

3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.*

Words: William Williams; st.1 tr. Peter Williams; st.2-3 tr. William Williams; Music: John Hughes

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Goodness of God"

1. *I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

Chorus:

*All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.*

2. *I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (to chorus)*

your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love. We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Song: "Trisagion (Thrice Holy)"

***Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy, have mercy on us.***

Words & Music: Fernando Ortega © 2004 Cerdo Verde Music; Curb Songs

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death. Rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

Communion Song: "God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH 622

1. ***God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.***

Refrain: God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea.

2. ***My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face. [Refrain]***

3. ***I am evil, born in sin; you desire truth within.
Make me pure, your mercy show;
wash me whiter than the snow. [Refrain]***

4. ***Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face, blot them out in boundless grace.
God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea. [Refrain]***

Words: Psalter; Music: Christopher Miner, © 1998 Christopher Miner Music

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Words: Anna B. Warner; Music: William B. Bradbury

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51 p.889

Message: "From Despise to Delight" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LUYH 168

**1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.**

**2. My Lord, what you did suffer was all for sinner's gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.
So here I kneel, my Savior, for I deserve your place;
look on me with thy favor and save me by your grace.**

**3. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,
for this, your dying sorrow, your pity without end?
Lord, make me yours forever, a loyal servant true,
and let me never, never outlive my love to you.**

Words: Latin, medieval; German tr. Paul Gerhardt; English tr. James W. Alexander; Music: Hans Leo Hassler; adapt. and harm. Johann S. Bach in St. Matthew Passion

Table

The Invitation

Dear friends, we are on the road to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come,

giving thanks to God, our maker,

and offering our praise!

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All

**Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

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Repentance & Renewal

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 51) p.889

with "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Words & Music: Anonymous, based on Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer of Commitment

Loving and merciful God,

we have so little to bring to You.

But what we have, we willingly give:

our humble spirits and contrite hearts.

We long to be your disciples,

to follow your path for our lives,

and to share with others

the good news of your love and mercy. Amen.

Words of Assurance (based on Psalm 103:8)

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unending love.

Today, receive God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me" LUYH 709:1

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

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