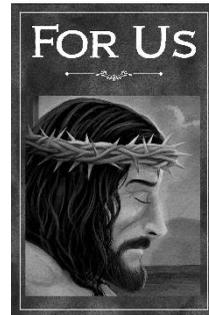


O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

“FOR US BETRAYED”

Lent Midweek VI—March 25, 2026

Jesus foretells His own betrayal, death, and resurrection in today’s text (Mark 8:31–9:1). This shows us that the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus’ suffering, His Passion, does not simply mean that He sympathizes with us. Rather, it means that He participates in our suffering, and we in His. His betrayal, the crown of thorns, the shameful cross—all of these lead to how Jesus “gave His dying breath,” as we sing in our series hymn, “O Love, How Deep”.



THE OPENING HYMN #437 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES Joel 2:13; Isaiah 55:6–7

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents of disaster.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

C: call upon Him while He is near.

P: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**C: let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

THE PSALM Psalm 143 (selected verses) (ESV)

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.

C: My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

P: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C: I ponder the work of Your hands.

P: I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

C: Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!

P: Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

C: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.

P: Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

C: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

P: Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

C: For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You endured denial and betrayal, suffering, and bitter death. You loved us with all You had. We give thanks that You became one of us, no matter the pain, so that You might redeem each of us as Your own. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE LENT RESPONSORY

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

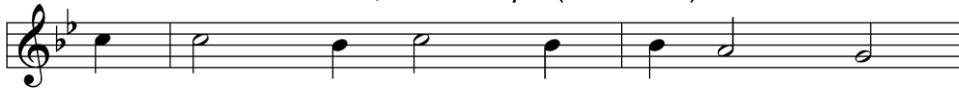
P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

THE HYMN #544 "O Love, How Deep" (verses 1-5)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

THE SERMON "For Us Betrayed"

Text: Mark 8:31-38 And [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE HYMN #432 "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car - ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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THE PRAYERS

The Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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 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.**

The Collects

P: Almighty God, whose compassion never fails and who invites us to call upon You in prayer, hear the heartfelt confession of our sins and receive our humble supplication for Your mercy. Spare us from the just punishment of sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us, and enable us to serve You in holiness and purity of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Compassionate Lord, our Great Physician, watch over the sick and homebound. Shelter them from pain and loneliness and preserve them from a sense of futility and despair. Through Your Word, reveal to them that none of Your children suffer in vain or without Your divine permission and presence. Keep them in Your sufficient grace. Strengthen them with Your support and healing presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Merciful Lord, pour out Your blessings upon all who teach in our congregation, all those who work with Your Scriptures and seek to show the love of Christ. For our children in our Sunday School and Confirmation classes, may each encounter with the Word of life make them better disciples of Jesus, our Lord. Plant and nourish a love and zeal for Your Word in all our hearts, both young and old; through Jesus Christ. our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: God of peace, You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good that we may do Your will, working in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #877 "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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