

Meditative Hymn: #338 - So Rest, My Rest (stanzas 1, 4, 5)

1:30 PM ~ Sung by congregation.

7:45 PM ~ Sung by women's ensemble.

1. **So rest, my Rest,
Thou Ever-blest!
Thy grave with sinners making;
By Thy precious death from sin
My dead soul awaking.**

4. **To me the tomb
Shall be a room
Where I lie down on roses;
Who by faith hath conquered death
Sweetly there reposes.**

5. **Meantime I will
My Savior, still
Deep in my bosom lay Thee,
Ever musing on Thy death.
Leave me not, I pray Thee!**

Leaving in Silence: After the service, the organist will continue to play Lenten hymns for those who wish to meditate. As you leave, please do so in silence so others may continue their contemplation.

**The Bidding Prayer: This prayer comes down to us from the ancient Church. While it used to be a regular practice of prayer in the Divine Service, in recent use the Church has continued it generally in the service on Good Friday. There will be time after each petition for you to pray your own personal petitions that have been bidden, followed by the "collected" prayer prayed by the officiant.*

All are welcome and invited to join us on Sunday, April 5, for our celebrations of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

**6:45 AM - Easter Sunrise Service
with Holy Communion**
*@ PLC Cemetery – 510 136th
St E, Tacoma, WA 98445*

Easter Breakfast in the Ark (Gym)
7:30 - 10:30 AM

**8:00 & 10:30 AM - Easter Festival
Services with Holy Communion**
@ Parkland Lutheran Church

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE



**PARKLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
120TH-123RD STREET SOUTH
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98444**

**APRIL 3, 2026
1:30 & 7:45 PM**

1. THE PRELUDE

2. OPENING HYMN: #300 - SWEET THE MOMENTS, RICH IN BLESSING (STANZAS 1-3, 5)

- 1. **Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend.
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinners' dying Friend.**
- 2. **Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.**
- 3. **Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.**
- 5. **Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation
And Thine unveiled glory see.**

Then all shall stand.

3. THE LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Pastor shall say the non-bolded words; the congregation shall say the bolded words.

Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

O God the Father in heaven,
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter,
Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us.
Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious unto us.
Help us, good Lord.

From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil;
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the temptations and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From disease and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From storms and natural disaster;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation;
By Your holy Nativity;
By Your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Your Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Your Cross and Passion;
By Your precious Death and Burial;
By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the Day of Judgment:
Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech You:
To hear us, O Lord God.

us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Musical Meditation: #283 - Glory Be to Jesus (stanzas 1, 2, 6)

- 1. **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins.**
- 2. **Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**6. Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

The Burial: St. Luke 23:50-56

*** (Caution: there will be a harsh noise, symbolizing the rolling of the stone to close the tomb)*

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. **** It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. *(ESV)*

8. THE CLOSING PRAYER

(A): Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; Robert, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray for all who are outside the church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living

God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the church.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's Holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore you, your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(A): Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate

And to lead and govern Your holy Christian church in the right way;
To preserve all pastors and servants of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your Word, and in holiness of life;
To put an end to all godless teaching and causes of offense;
To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet;
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and grace;
To raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand;
And to comfort and help the faint-hearted and the distressed:
We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord;
To preserve our country from discord and contention;
To direct and defend our government, and all in authority;
And to bless and keep all who administer justice, and all our people:
We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and sustain all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;
To protect all who travel;
To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;
To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;
To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;
And to have mercy on all people:
We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;
And graciously to hear our prayers:
We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;
We beseech You to hear us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us Your peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.
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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 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.**

Then all shall be seated.

4. THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

5. A HYMN: #329 - THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD (STANZAS 1, 2, 9)

- 1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**
- 2. He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made,
And all our debt He fully paid.**
- 9. O Jesus Christ, our Brother dear,
Unto thy cross we now draw near;
Thy sacred wounds indeed make whole
A wounded and benighted soul.**

10. THE PASSION READINGS

The First Reading: St. Luke 22:1-38

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?"

He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of

the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Then He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

"You are those who have stayed with Me in my trials, and I assign to you, as My

wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Hymn Meditation: #334/335 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (stanzas 1, 6)

- 1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.**
- 6. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.**

7. THE BIDDING PRAYER*

Assisting Pastor (A): Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

Time for personal prayer.

Officiant (O): Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the

adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(A): Let us pray for all ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy church, that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(A): Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Time for personal prayer.

(O): Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom you adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**4. Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.**

The Fifth Reading: St. Luke 23:26-49

And as they led [Jesus] away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"

The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an

inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. *(ESV)*

THE HOMILY - ST. LUKE 23:39-43

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Father assigned to Me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Peter said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death."

Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know Me."

And He said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about Me has its fulfillment."

And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." *(ESV)*

Hymn Meditation: #306 - What Wondrous Love Is This (stanzas 1, 3)

**1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul?**

**3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing.**

The Second Reading: St. Luke 22:39-53

And [Jesus] came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. And when He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus

said, "No more of this!" And He touched his ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Then they seized Him and led Him away. *(ESV)*

Hymn Meditation: #308 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

**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.**

**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.**

The Third Reading: St. Luke 22:54-71

[They brought Jesus] into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with Him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him as they beat Him. They also blindfolded Him and kept asking Him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?" And they said many other things against Him, blaspheming Him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led Him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from His own lips." *(ESV)*

Hymn Meditation: #292 - O Dearest Jesus (stanzas 1, 5)

**1. O dearest Jesus,
what law has Thou broken
That such sharp sentence
should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast
Thou to make confession—
What dark transgression?**

**5. The sinless Son of
God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of
man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his
life and is acquitted—
God is committed.**

The Fourth Reading: St. Luke 23:1-25

Then the whole company of them arose and brought [Jesus] before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He himself is Christ, a king."

And Pilate asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so."

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent [Jesus] over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned [Jesus] at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent [Jesus] back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and

said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release him." But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. *(ESV)*

Hymn Meditation:

1:30 PM ~ Congregation: #297 - Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (stanzas 1, 4)

7:45 PM ~ Choir: "Behold the Lamb of God/ In Perfect Love He Dies"

**1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**