

✠ SERVICE OF VESPERS ✠
SOON AND NEVER

King David’s enemies said of him, “When will he die and his name perish?” (Psalm 41:5) Do you have enemies who wish the same fate on you? Regardless of your best efforts to “lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Timothy 2:2), you are pursued unceasingly by three dread adversaries: the world, the devil, and your own sinful flesh. When will you die? When will your name perish? Christ silences your foes and your fears and will strengthen and keep you firm in His Word and faith unto the end.

Stand OPENING VERSES

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

Cong.: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Cong.: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

✠ PSALMODY ✠

(Psalm 30:1-5)

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

Cong.: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Pastor: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer:

Cong.: listen to my plea for grace.

Pastor: In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

Cong.: for You answer me.

SERIES PSALM

(Psalm 41:3-5)



Pastor: May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make His face to shine up- | on us.

**Cong.: May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make His face to shine up- | on us.**

Pastor: The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed;*
in his illness you restore him to | full health.

Cong.: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;*
Heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!”

Pastor: My enemies say of me in | malice,*.
“When will he die and his name | perish?”

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sit

HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” [LSB hymn 423]



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

First Reading (page 151 in the pew Bibles)

Deuteronomy 7:22-26

Elder: A Reading from Deuteronomy, the seventh chapter.

The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed.

And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them. The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

Elder: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (page 1040 in the pew Bibles)

Revelation 19:11-16

Elder: A Reading from Revelation, the nineteenth chapter.

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Elder: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Reading (page 813 in the pew Bibles)

John 12:20-30

Pastor: A Reading from St. John, the twelfth chapter.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Sit

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sit

HYMN

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” [LSB hymn 439]



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.

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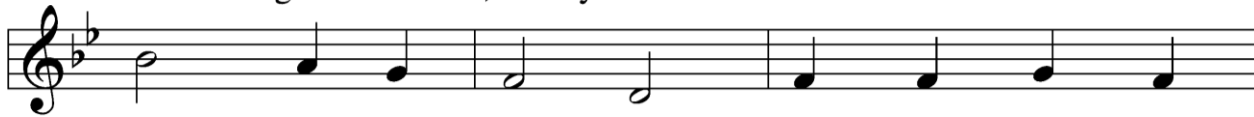
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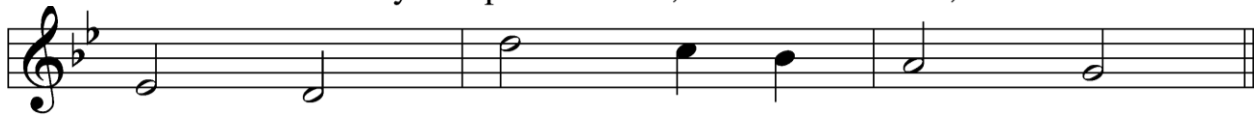
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;
 6 There was no spot in me by sin un - taint - ed;
 7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,



The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;
 Sick with sin's poi - son, all my heart had faint - ed;
 That broughtThee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!



Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -
 My heav - y guilt to hell had well - nigh
 All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was



quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.
 brought me, Such woe it wrought me.
 try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.

SERMON

“Soon and Never”

(Pastor Tom Miller 4:00 PM/Elder Adam Volkert 7:00 PM)

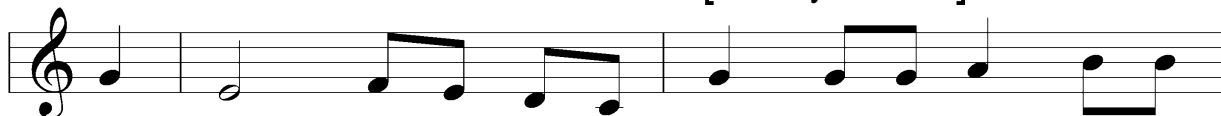
✠ CANTICLE ✠

Stand

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

Cong.: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT [LSB hymn 248]



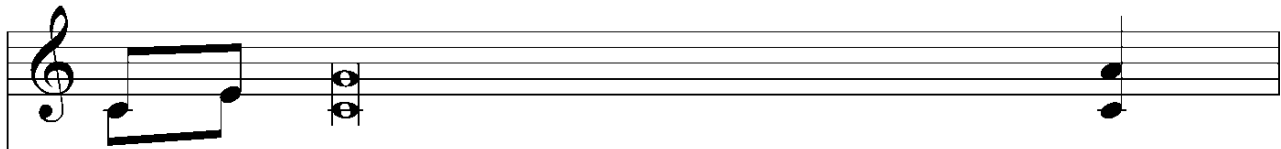
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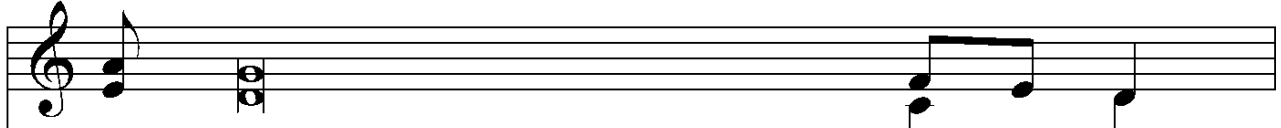
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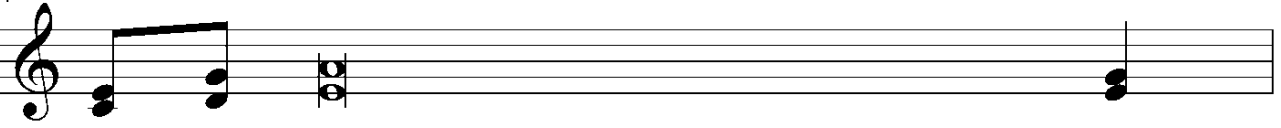
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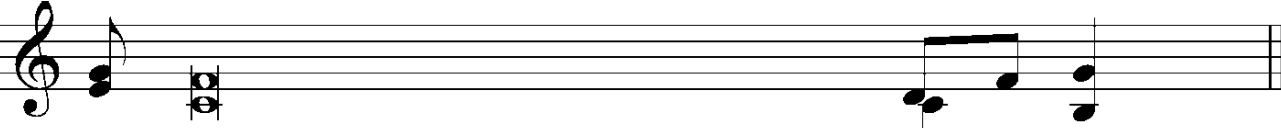
1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
2 and holy is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

KYRIE



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

LORD'S PRAYER

(Mathew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Cong.: And let my cry come to You.

Pastor: We thank You, our God and Father, that You have drawn us to Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we consider His sign of sacrifice and love, sustain us in our trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen us against temptation. Grant that the cross may be to us a continuing promise of the forgiveness of our sins as we observe a holy Lent. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Cong.: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” [LSB hymn 420]



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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“Christ, the Life of All the Living” [LSB hymn 420:5-7]



5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I
 6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:
 pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
 deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy
 Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
 be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE THIS EVENING

	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
Acolyte/Elder/Reader		Roman Jurenka
Leading the Service	Pastor Tom Miller	Elder Adam Volkert
Pianist:	Beth Hansen	Patti Smith

2024 LENT WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH BE GRACIOUS TO ME

Wednesday Services at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Soup supper at 5:15 PM

February 21	<i>“Soon and Never”</i>	Pastor Miller
February 28	<i>“I Have Sinned”</i>	Pastor Pierson
March 6	<i>“Sustained in Sickness”</i>	Pastor Jasa
March 13	<i>“Vindicated”</i>	Pastor Jasa
March 20	<i>“Empty Words”</i>	Pastor Pierson
March 24	Palm Sunday Divine Service <i>8:00 AM & 11:00 AM</i>	
March 28	Maundy Thursday Divine Service “My Close Friend”	<i>4:00 PM & 7:00 PM</i>
March 29	Good Friday Service of the Word “Be Gracious To Me”	<i>4:00 PM & 7:00 PM</i>
March 30	Easter Vigil Divine Service “Contradiction”	<i>7:00 PM</i>
March 31	Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Service “Because of My Integrity”	<i>8:00 AM & 11:00 AM</i>

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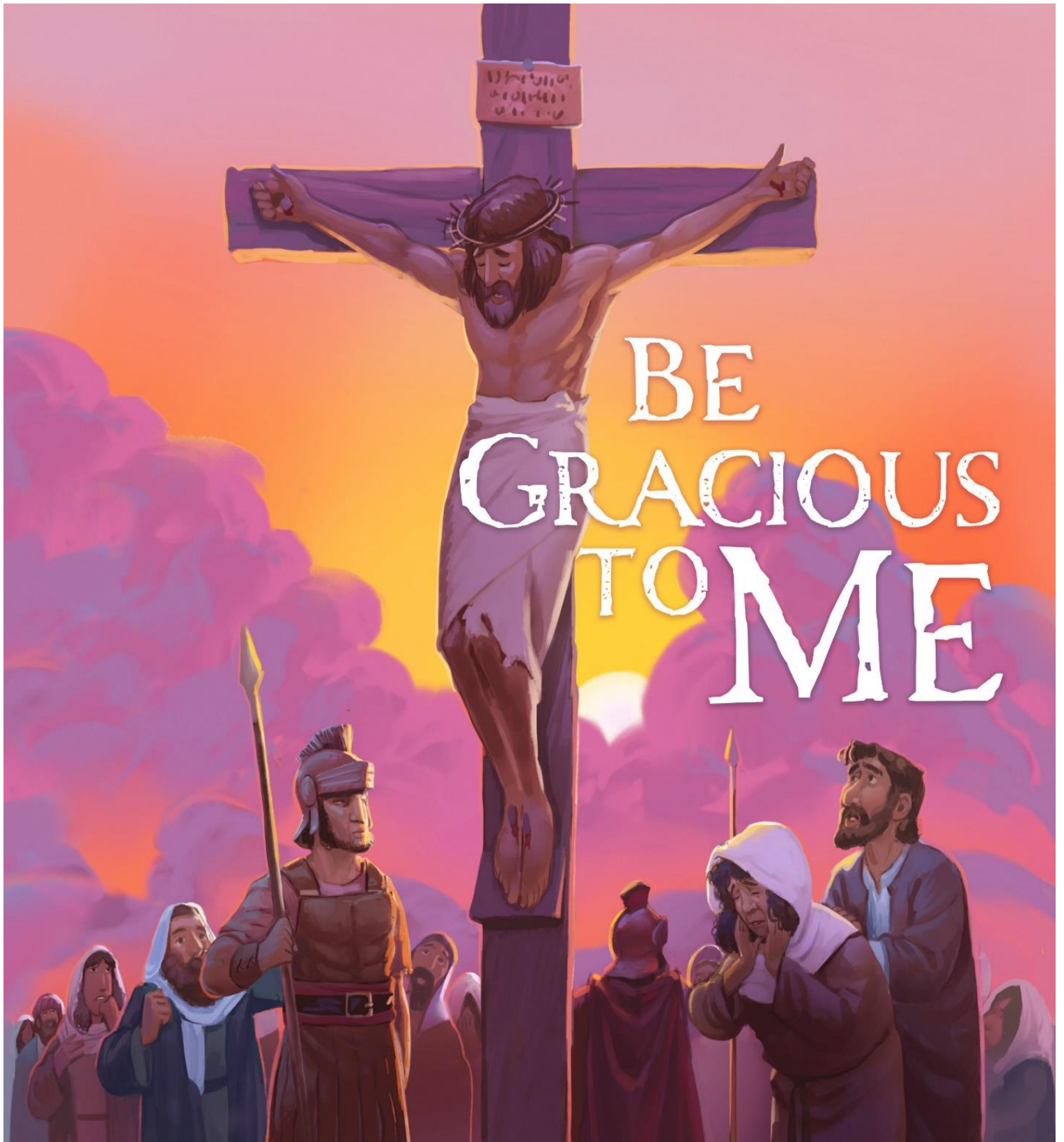
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Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in his grace and to share those Holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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