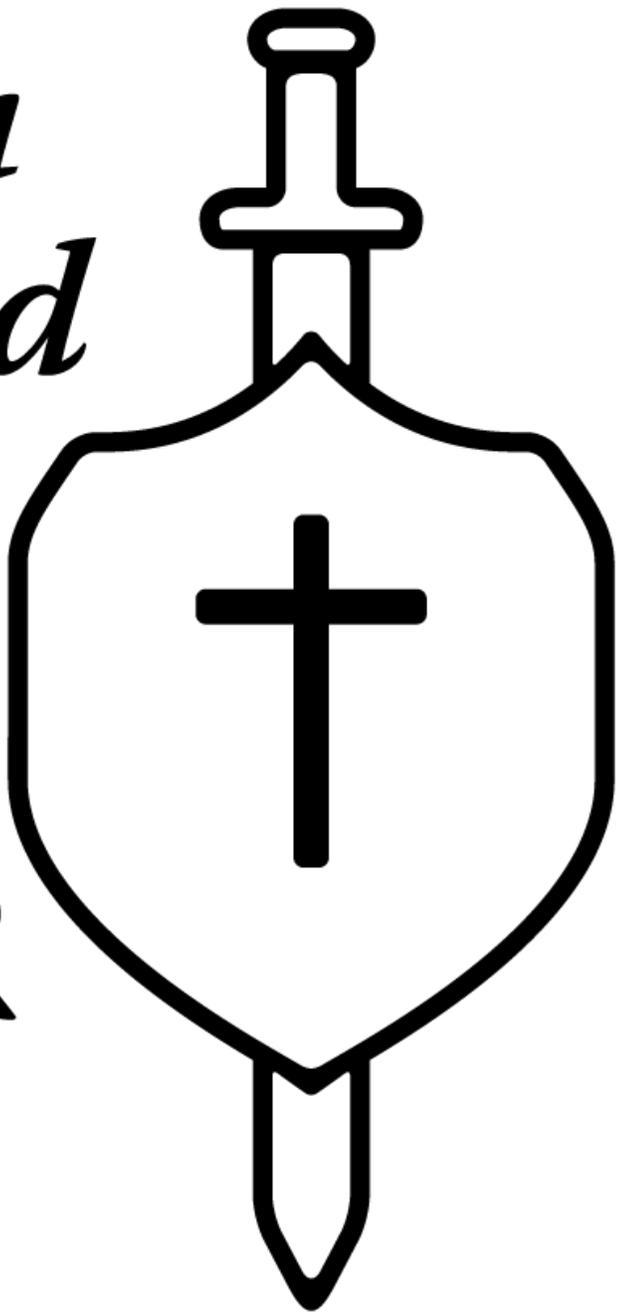


*The Son
of God*
GOES
FORTH
TO WAR

A black and white line drawing of a sword. The sword has a hilt with a cross-guard, a shield-shaped blade with a cross in the center, and a pointed tip. The drawing is simple and uses only outlines.

*The Warrior Rejected by
Many Followers*

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

GREETING

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

M & C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

{ Silence for private confession }

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

PRAYER

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PASSION HISTORY LESSON FOUR

As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law. They brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and 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 me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”¹

They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!” Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.²

Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.³

Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?” They answered him, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

¹ Psalm 110:1

² Luke 22:66-23:1; Mark 15:1; Matthew 27:2

³ Matthew 27:3-10; see Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9

Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

The Jews said, “It’s not legal for us to put anyone to death.” This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.⁴

They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

“It is as you say,” Jesus replied.⁵

The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

“What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”⁶

⁴ John 18:28-32

⁵ Luke 23:2-3

⁶ Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-4; John 18:28-38

But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M & C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

SERMON

Sermon Text: Many Disciples Desert Jesus

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.” ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

—John 6:60-69

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed with Martin Luther's Explanation

All: 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.

M: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death
and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver,
but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own,
and live under him in his kingdom,
and serve him in everlasting righteousness,
innocence and blessedness,
just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.*

EVENING PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: **Amen.**

It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. My sin— oh, the joy of this glo - ri - ous
 3. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith— shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well _____ with my soul. _____



— It is well, it is well with my soul.

