
Christ Our Redeemer

Why God Wounds

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Lent Four

Pastor Mark Voss

OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

C: That we may walk in your truth.

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

C: We trust your loving care.

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks.

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

All: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

All: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Faith is strengthened through repentance and renewal

EPISTLE – *Romans 8:1-10*

We are controlled by the Spirit

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

GOSPEL - *Matthew 20:17-28*

Jesus' life and ministry provide a model for us

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. ²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." ²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



MUSICAL SELECTION – *“Who Is This King?”*

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SERMON

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**¹⁵Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt.
And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me."**

**¹"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.**

**²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.**

**³Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth."**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The First Article and Meaning

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C: I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me against all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and mercifully Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR LENT

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins. As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING PRAYER –

“O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”

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**O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
With thorns was pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy blessing on my head
That I am think for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
With nails were pierced for me;
Oh, shed thy blessing on my hands
That they may work for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
With nails were pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy blessing on my feet
That they may follow thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
With spear was pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy Spirit in my heart
That I may live for thee.**

A Note from Pastor

If any of you as individuals or families would like to receive Lord's Supper I will be happy to serve you at church. Text me with a few times that work for you and we can set it up. My cell is 303-808-0611. In case I don't have your number on my cell please identify yourself.

To not meet together for worship is not ideal, but thank God for the resources and people we have available to us to share God's Word in other ways. This temporary shift in how God's Word is getting out will give you and your family a great opportunity to dig into the Word together, perhaps in ways you have not done before. God's Word will always bear blessings.

What about care for individual souls?

I have been in contact with several agencies and unfortunately they are restricting everyone, even clergy, from Care Centers and hospitals. I am not sure what they will do in an emergency, but I will probably not be allowed entrance.

These times give us an abundance of ways to show our Christian love and care for our fellow members and neighbors. Pick up the phone to check up and chat with them. We need each other, and God has given us each other for our times of need.

What about our offerings?

"Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

For the next few weeks, we will not have the opportunity to collect our offerings at public worship. God's call for us to give toward his work, however, still stands. Our thank offerings, of course, are vital to our ministry. Without them, we would not be able to carry out the work we do together at COR. It is important for us all to remember that, even during these uncertain times, our expenses remain fixed.

Here are a few options to continue giving your thank offerings:

- One option would be giving electronically. COR has a system in place to make online, automatic withdrawals for your offerings to the Lord. Please contact Becky Feld if you have questions.
- There are many who prefer to give physical offerings in the plate on Sunday, but since we can't do this for a while consider mailing in your offerings to the church.

Thank you for considering these options as we seek to carry out God's work at COR.

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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