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PERSEVERANCE**

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PRELUDE

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might ... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance. Ephesians 6:10, 18

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C Amen.

P Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day” (*Matthew 17:22-23*).

C Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.

P As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry and to be taken up to heaven, he turned to Jerusalem and to the cross: “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” (*Luke 9:51*).

C When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.

P As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he said, “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” (*John 12:27-28*).

C Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition

P Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.

P God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father’s will and suffered and died to save us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C Lord, lead us to walk faithfully in your ways.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem as the time of your death drew near. You did not turn away from what lay ahead. In Gethsemane, you prayed that your Father’s will, not yours, would be done. You were faithful to your purpose and obedient to your heavenly

Father, obedient to the point of death on a cross. Lead us by your Spirit to be faithful to you in our thoughts, words and actions, so that our lives bear witness to your steadfast love.

C Amen.

SONG

The Holy Heart



1. The ho - ly heart was bro - ken, sent from the Fa - thers _ side. The
2. The ho - ly Lamb was strick - en, a - ban-doned and a - lone. He
3. And when my heart is bro - ken, torn by my sin and _ pride; The

Son of God for - sak - en, the ho - ly sac - ri - fice. For me He was for -
bore the worlds af - flic - tion, He bore it as His own.
Son of God now ris - en will draw me to His side.

-sak - en, for me He died a - lone. My sin for - ev - er _

tak - en that I might be His own.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:7 – 8
[pew Bible page 780]

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:13 – 20
[pew Bible page 979]

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:16 – 22
[pew Bible page 905]


So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG

The Power of the Cross



1.Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
2.Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3.Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4.Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

(continued on next page)

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
for through Your suf - fring I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

nailed to a cross of wood. This the
crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the
won through Your self - less love! This the

pow'r of the cross. Christ be -
pow'r of the cross. Christ be -
pow'r of the cross. Christ be -
pow'r of the cross. Son of

came sin for us. Took the
came sin for us. Took the
came sin for us. Took the
God slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en
blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en
blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en
love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en

at the cross.
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MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



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PRAYER

- P** Lord Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem, where you would take up your cross for the sake of our salvation. In faithful obedience to your heavenly Father, you suffered and died to save us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- C** Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

P Lord Jesus, when we face difficult days in life, when we are filled with doubt or fear, strengthen us to persevere in faith and to hold fast to the hope and peace that you have brought us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

C Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

P Lord Jesus, be present with those who face illness, pain and grief, especially. . . and those we name in our hearts. Comfort them through the promises of your Word, and keep them strong in faith. Guide us as we serve them in love. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

C Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

P Lord Jesus, keep us steadfast in the study of your Word so that we will grow in faith, ready to defend the hope that is ours and to be your witnesses each day. Give us opportunities to speak to others about your redeeming death and triumphant resurrection, so that in the power of the Spirit, they, too, may come to follow you in faith. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

C Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

P Lord Jesus, faithful to your purpose and to your Father's will, you suffered and died to save us. Keep us steadfast in faith, walking in your footsteps, until we live in your presence forever. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,

C Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

(Psalm 31:5; Numbers 6:24-26)

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,
O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the
e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

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POSTLUDE

Calvary

Richard Billingham

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