



CHRIST
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March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus, Divine Son of Man: Afflicted with Pain

If we never sought, we seek Thee now;
Thine eyes burn through the dark, our only stars;
We must have sight of thorn-pricks on Thy brow,
We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars.

The heavens frighten us; they are too calm;
In all the universe we have no place.
Our wounds are hurting us; where is the balm?
Lord Jesus, by Thy Scars we claim Thy grace.

If when the doors are shut, Thou drawest near,
Only reveal those hands, that side of Thine;
We know today what wounds are, have no fear,
Show us Thy Scars, we know the countersign.

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone.

—Edward Shillito, *World War I soldier*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

Chorus

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Call to Worship from Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? **Let us stand up together.**

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Invocation

Old Testament Lesson Reflection on Christ's Pain: Isaiah 52:14;
Matthew 16:21; 20:17-19; 27:27-34:

Silent Meditation on Christ's Pain

Praise Hymn Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

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Confession of Sin

And now, Lord, what is our hope?
Truly our hope is even in you,
if your lovingkindness cover
the multitude of our offenses.

O remember what my substance is,
that I am dust, but precious in your site:
 the work of your hands,
 the likeness of your face,
 the cost of your blood,
 a name from your name,
 a sheep from your pasture,
 a child of your covenant.

Do not despise, O Lord, the work of your own hands,
but look upon the face of your children,
and remember the covenant of old,
sealed with the blood of your one and only son;
and credit his payments to our great debt,
and drown our guilt, as in the deep sea.

For we are yours, O Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution

Isaiah 53:5–6

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

You are my King (repeat)
Jesus, You are my King (repeat)

Chorus

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 6:3–10

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World, without end; Amen, Amen.

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Sermon Text Philippians 1:12-18

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Advance the Gospel | Joe Fisher

Response Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F F C F Gm D Gm F C F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb F C7 F C7 F C F C F Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Gm F C F F C7 Dm Gm C7 F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

text **MNA 1708 to 76959** and follow the prompts or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism (1647)

Q. 49. How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A. Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God’s wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to join us to receive Christ’s presence of bread and wine. During this time of social distancing we offer for our pastor to come and bless your partaking of elements you provide to preserve the corporate-presence of Christ pictured in the supper as best we can. If you’ve been part of our streaming service please text Curran (203-812-9928) to set up a time he can meet you (from a distance) to celebrate communion.

Lord Remember Me

26 *E* *mf* *A* *ma* *7*

Lord, re - mem - ber - me when you - come

E *A* *ma* *7*

in - to - your king - dom.

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It begins with a measure containing a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second measure contains a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F#5. The third measure contains a whole rest. The fourth measure contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. Above the staff, the number '26' is written. Above the first measure, there is an 'E' above a 'mf' dynamic marking. Above the third measure, there is an 'A' above a 'ma' marking. Above the fourth measure, there is a '7' above an 'A' marking. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Lord, re - mem - ber - me when you - come' are written. The second staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second measure contains a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F#5. The third measure contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The fourth measure contains a half note C5. Above the first measure, there is an 'E' above a dynamic marking. Above the second measure, there is an 'A' above a 'ma' marking. Below the staff, the lyrics 'in - to - your king - dom.' are written.

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand,

feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled

Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

Chorus

Benediction I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

REFLECTION

The Agony

Philosophers have measur'd mountains,
Fathom'd the depths of seas, of states and kings;
Walk'd with a staff to heav'n and traced fountains:
But there are two vast, spacious thins,
The which to measure it doth more behove;
Yet few there are that sound them, – Sin and Love.

Who would know Sin, let him repair
Unto Mount Olivet; there shall he see
A Man so wrung with pains, that all His hair,
His skin, His garments bloody be.
Sin is that press and vice, which forceth pain
To hunt his cruel food through ev'ry vein.

Who knows not Love, let him assay
And taste that juice which, on the cross, a pike
Did set again abroach; then let him say
If ever he did taste the like,
Love is that liquor sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as blood, but I as wine.

– George Herbert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – Meets tonight, March 7, 4-5:30pm. We will meet in several smaller groups to protect each other. Please RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org and we'll let the sorting hat script assign us between houses to enjoy (socially distanced) time together.

Women's Bible Study – Every-other-Tues. 7:30-9 pm, in person and on zoom (resumes March 30). Please RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org. [Link](#) to the study guide (\$2.50). [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 828 6871 9345 Passcode: 246223

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm. In the midst of pandemic, political chaos and social distancing we need each other, and we need God. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy, pray for each other, and have some “digital fellowship.” [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297

Helping Without Hurting – Every-other-Thursday, (resumes March 25), 8-9 pm We'll look at how the nature and character of God shapes the mercy ministry of His Church using the book *When Helping Hurts*.
[Zoom link](#) (same as prayer meeting) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297

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