

TRINITY CHURCH OF PORTLAND

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**Please stand as we hear the Call to Worship.*

—Psalm 118:14-24

The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the LORD has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The LORD has done it this very day;

let us rejoice today and be glad.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Brief Prayer.*

WE RESPOND IN CONFESSION

In Response To: John 19:15; Proverbs 29:25; Isaiah 53:3-5; Mark 15:13-14

Almighty God, we come before you as those who have chosen lesser kings.

We confess that we have crowned our comfort, our reputation, and our safety above your Son — saying in our hearts, "We have no king but Caesar.

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Like the crowds who cried "Crucify him," we have handed Jesus over to the demands of our own will.

We confess that our sin placed him on that cross.

Our rebellion demanded that sentence.

He bore what we deserved.

Like Pilate, we have stood face to face with truth and walked away from it — choosing the approval of the crowd over the claims of Christ.

We confess that we have asked "What is truth?

" and returned to our comfort rather than bowing the knee.

Forgive us through the King who wore a crown of thorns for our sake, and transform us into those who surrender to no lord but Jesus.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSES

John 19:15 They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

Isaiah 53:3–5 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Mark 15:13–14 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him."

GOD GRANTS US PARDON

—1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON TEXT

—Word Life: John 19:1-16

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COVENANT RENEWAL

Christian, what do you believe?

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

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. 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.

Christian, what do you believe?

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

BENEDICTION

—Hebrews 12:2-3

...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.