

## COME TO JESUS

### Welcome to Worship

**Opening Declaration on the Cross:** (1 Corinthians 1:18ff GNT)

**P:** "The message about Christ's death on the cross is nonsense to those who are being lost, but for all who are being saved it is God's power...For God in his wisdom made it impossible for people to know him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, God decided to save those who believe by means of the 'foolish' message we preach...we proclaim Christ on the Cross; a message that is offensive to the Jews & nonsense to the non-Jews. But to those called by God to salvation...Christ is the power of God & the wisdom of God."

**C:** "May I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." There alone is my life, my hope & my salvation.

## GROW IN HIS GRACE

**The Passion: Mark 14:27-31**

**Song:** The Servant King

**The Passion: Mark 14:32-42**

**Repentance and Healing:**

**We come to you, Jesus, burdened with sin.  
With hearts that call for revenge and violence.  
With betrayals and denials. With pride and self-indulgence.  
You know the sin we carry, secretly or openly.  
You know the way their weight crushes us; even if we do not.  
We bring these to your cross.**

The cross Jesus bears this day is for sinners like us. Let us pray. Forgive us for seeking the easy way. Forgive us for pursuing comfort instead of servanthood. Forgive us for seeking religion when you offer us redemption. Reclaim us for the glory of your Cross. Grant that we may never be casual before that awesome love. By your cross deliver us from every sin which corrupts us, every weight which pulls us down, & set our face towards the light which comes not to condemn but to save. Lead us to life abundant & eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord....**Amen**

**The Passion: Mark 14:43-52**

Lord Jesus, in love you stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross, so all people might come within the reach of your saving embrace. Clothe us in your Spirit, that we, stretching out our hands in love & self-giving for others, may bring those who do not know you to the freedom, love & joy found only in you. You alone grant forgiveness, life & salvation according to the Father's will. **Amen!**

**Song:** How Can This Be?

**The Passion: Mark 15:1-15**

**Song:** Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

**The Passion: Mark 15:16-20**

**Prayers:**

**The Passion: Mark 15:21-41**

**The Soldier Speaks**

*VIDEO DRAMATIZATION*

**The Sermon:** *NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT: THE FLIP SIDE OF DEATH*

**The Communion**

*Words of Institution & The 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, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship during distribution: Sing to Jesus (Robbie Seay)*

## GO IN HIS POWER

**Communion Blessing & Prayer:**

Sisters and brothers, we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before; an enormous cloud of witnesses. So let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us. We keep our eyes and hearts locked onto Jesus, who designed and completes our faith.

He endured the cross and ignored the shame of that death because He was anchored in the joy set before Him; the joy of our salvation, and now He is seated beside God on the throne in the place of highest honour.

In the same way, let us also focus on the race ahead as the † Lord Jesus leads you into the days of this week strong in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and confident in the presence, power, and provision of God the Father with you at all times in all things. **Amen**

**The Passion: Mark 15:42-47**

**Song:** Glorious Day

## SHOW HIS LOVE