



Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

The shadow of the cross is upon us. Come to us, O God, in this shadow so that we might find solace, even as we participate in the crucifixions of the daily world. Be present, still our hearts and let us find our peace in you. Amen

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “The road is narrow. The one who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as their cane. In other words, they must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the love of God in all things” - *St. John of the Cross*

- ❖ *Must the Christian go around looking for a cross to bear, seeking to suffer? No, insisted Bonhoeffer. Opportunities for bearing crosses will occur along life's way and all that is required is the willingness to act when the time comes. The needs of the neighbor, especially those of the weak and downtrodden, the victimized and the persecuted, the ill and the lonely, will become abundantly evident.*
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Gather together to worship God!

People: We gather to reunite with God's purposes.

Leader: Gather together to walk with Christ!

People: We gather to make our way to the cross.

Leader: Gather together as disciples committed to holy life!

People: We gather to find strength to carry the cross daily.

PRAISE SONG: God of the Movements and Martyrs (vs 1 & 3)
(music at end of bulletin)

THE CONFESSION:

All: Merciful Savior, forgive us our sins. We confess that we do not hold you close in our daily lives. We confess that we separate our decisions from your will. We confess that we insist on paths of destruction

rather than paths of life. We confess that we prefer to be admired rather than faithful. Forgive us we pray. Realign our wills with the way of the cross. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God's hope for us is to be people of the cross. Be blessed with grace and peace for each day.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Almost (music at end of bulletin)*

THE READING: **Mark 8:34-37**

This story from Jesus life follows last week's gospel reading in the New Testament book of Mark. Here Jesus calls together the crowd and the disciples following Him. He suggests what it will mean to be one of His followers.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

MESSAGE: I Do It Every Day!

- Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: **God, I Am Beaten, Battered and Bruised**
(music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: May these forty days bring you new depth of God's vision. May you be a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, even unto the Cross. Go forth to live and love as Christ does, each and every day. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: **Send Down the Fire** *(music at end of bulletin)*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner.
Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or
racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning.
Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled.
Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time.
On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker.
Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower
of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box.
Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe
in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus
Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image
and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and
way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light
and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love.
We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure
to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry.** Saint. Sinner. Democrat.
Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering.
We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed.
We are all Beloved. —**You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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God of the Movements and Martyrs

1. God of the move - ments and mar - tyrs, God of the pow - er - less
 3. God of the cir - cle that holds us, God of the ones pushed a -

child, God of the hurt and the hope - less and un - rec - on - ciled,
 way, we will reach out to our neigh - bors, in your name we'll say:

- God of the just and the faith - ful, - God of the night and the
 No mat - ter your creed or your coun - try, no mat - ter the hue of your

day, God of the whole of cre - a - tion, in your name we
 skin, your age, who you love, or the bod - y your soul was born

pray; - Man - y have fol - lowed the sav - ior -
 in, no mat - ter the plac - es you're bro - ken, no

in - to the face of the storm, - strength - ened by long gen - er -
 mat - ter the things you have done, - lay down that weight on the

a - tions, by love they were formed. In base - ments of tall stee - pled
 al - tar, a new day's be - gun. - You are a child of the

church - es, in shadows of fen - es and walls, in al - leys and hall - ways of
 mak - er, - you are be - lov - ed and known, - [join us in work of the

pow - er, they an - swered your call.
 kin - dom, we wel - come you home. *Repeat last phrase v. 3*

Almost

1. Je - sus, we say we love you; we've got some
2. The road lies out be - fore us; some ques - tions
3. There will be chang - es in us, as to your -

hes - i - ta - tion. We say we want to serve you;
must be spo - ken. Will we be tak - en care of?
self you bind us. There will be man - y trea - sures

we've got some re - ser - va - tions. Not that we
Will be be bruised and bro - ken? Not that we
we'll have to leave be - hind us. Some - times we're

want to leave you, not that we want to grieve you,
are de - fec - ting; we trust in your pro - tect - ing;
run - ning for - ward, Some - times, we're step - ping back - ward

but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say,
but to tell the truth we have to say.

we love you al - most; al - most

1.,2. 3. D.S.

God, I am Beaten, Battered and Bruised

1. God, I am beat - en, bat - tered and bruised,
slan - dered and stepped on, hurt and a - bused. But
I trust in You, and I am not a - fraid. Let them
do what they will. I trust in You.

2. God there are times when I wish You would fight,
3. Day af - ter day, peo - ple plot my de - mise,
take up my cause so they'll know I am right. But
look - ing at me with con - tempt in their eyes. But
You hold my tears and You know all my pain. Let them
I trust in You and I am not a - fraid. Let them
do what they will. I trust in You.
do what they will. I trust in You.

God, I am prom - ised to You. God, now my off - 'ring I give.
Here is my heart, my soul, my all. Now in Your
light I will live. Now, in Your light I will live.
So let it be: God is for me. So let it be.

Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.

Send down the rains of your love. Come,

send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.

- 2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.
- 3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.
- 4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us

Teach us the way of your peace. Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us

hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us
right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us
ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.

walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)
shine with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)