



PREPARATION

• In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •
Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.
Psalm 130:3-4

WORSHIP

God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm.
Psalm 47:5-7

CONFESSION

And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter.
We all are formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, Lord.
Please don't remember our sins forever. Look at us, we pray,
and see that we are all your people.
Isaiah 64:8-9

MEDITATION – Luke 23:33-43 *

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."
One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"
But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."
And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY	
Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

I am forgiven. You are my King.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

When did I forgive?
When did I withhold forgiveness?

WISDOM

But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things.
Acts 3:18

"Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.
Isaiah 42:1

"Paul and Silas have caused trouble all over the world," they shouted, "and now they are here disturbing our city, too. And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus."
Acts 17:6b-7

"The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else."
—Oswald Chambers

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.
• Amen •
Psalm 145:1

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY
Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.
Speak, act, and serve from a listening heart.