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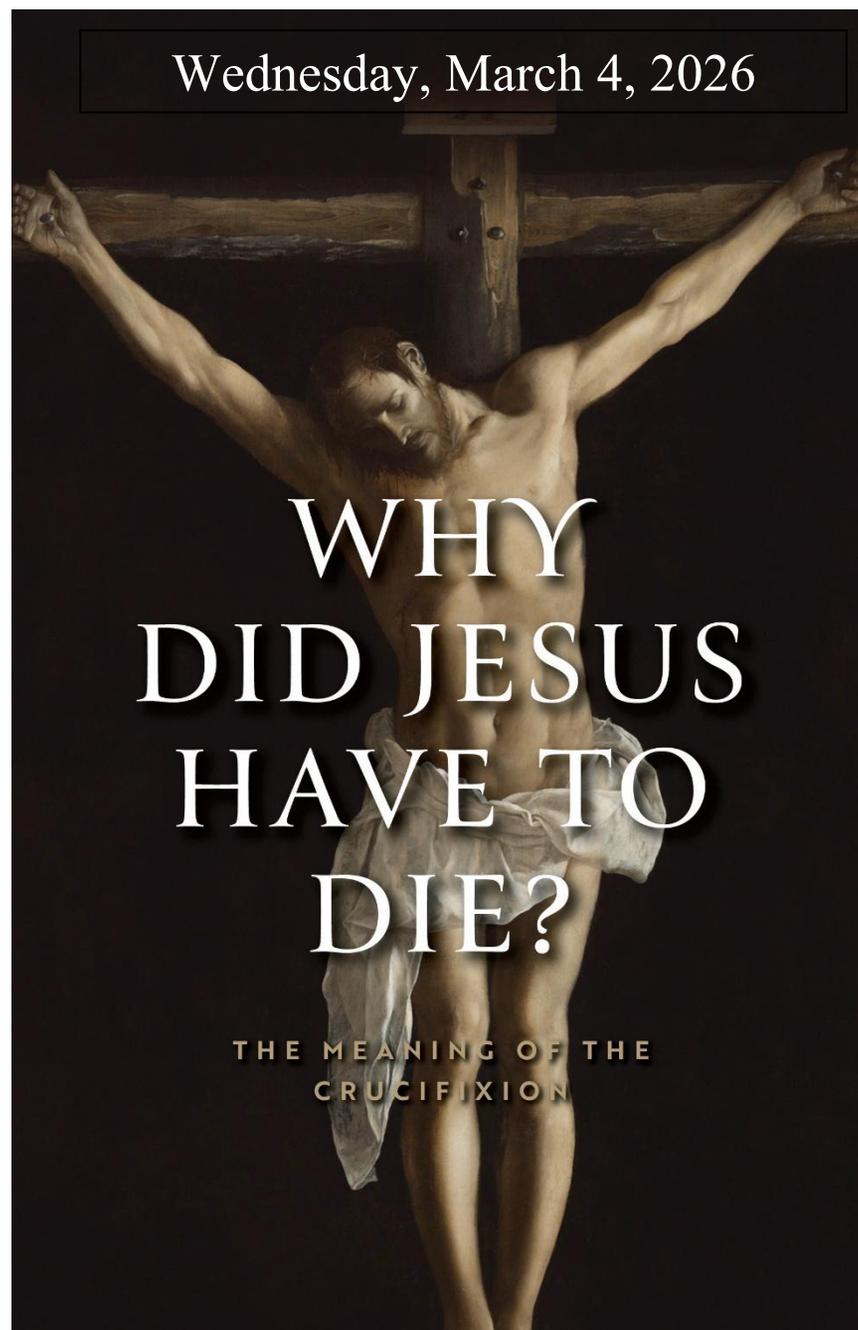
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GREETING

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, all who carry the weight of sin and guilt.

People: Christ has taken up the sins of the world.

Pastor: Come, all who long for mercy and grace.

People: God’s love has nailed our debts to the cross.

Pastor: Come, all who seek a new beginning.

People: By Christ’s wounds, we are healed.

**All: Let us worship the God of mercy, love, and forgiveness!
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 263.....“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: People of God, believe in the good news!

People: Through Christ Jesus, we have been forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

ENGAGING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 52:13–53:12, Colossians 2:13b-14, Hebrews 10:10-13

MESSAGE.....Penal Substitution or Selfless Offering?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world. I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued me and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God’s path to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life. I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God’s hands and feet in the world.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth, forgiven and set free.

People: We go forth, knowing our sins were nailed to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: Go forth, washed clean by God’s mercy and love, and as Christ has loved and forgiven you, so love and forgive in his name. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN NO. 109.....“O, How I Love Jesus”