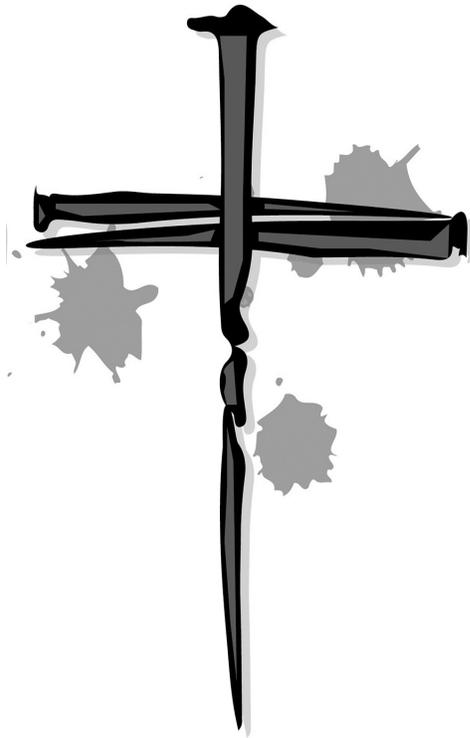


# Three Words



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## Our Order of Worship

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**M:** Minister; **W:** Worshipers

### Ringling of the Bell and Welcome

**Opening Hymn:** [436] Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Worshipers stand.

### Invocation

**Minster:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Worshipers:** Amen.

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**W:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**W:** Amen.

**M:** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**W:** Amen.

Worshipers sit.

**Psalm 143**

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**Psalm Prayer**

**M:** Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgement with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**W:** Amen.

**Lesson 3: Passion Reading****Seasonal Response**

**All:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

**Sermon Hymn:** [120] What Wondrous Love Is This**Message**

**THEME:** I Am He

**TEXT:** John 18:3-9

So Judas came to the grove, guiding an attachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there, with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

"I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the word he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

**Gathering of Offerings for the Lord**

Worshippers stand.

**Prayers****Lord's Prayer**

**All:** 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, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.







