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REJECTED

A LITANY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

**He was despised and rejected by men.
Isaiah 53:3**

- P** The apostle John said of Jesus, "He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him" (John 1:11). Jesus the Messiah was rejected and condemned. When he was betrayed and arrested, his disciples fled.

Tune.....Hamburg LM

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

- P** We confess Jesus as Lord, yet we are not always faithful witnesses for him.
- C** **Jesus, our thoughts, words and actions do not always reflect our love for you. Forgive us and heal us.**

P He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces.

C **He was despised, and we esteemed him not.** (Isaiah 53:3)

P All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

C **He trusts in the Lord ... let him rescue him, for he delights in him.** (Psalm 22:7-8)

P Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

C **They all said, "Let him be crucified!"**

P And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?"

C **But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"** (Matthew 27:22-23)

P Lord, do not let us fear rejection or persecution for the sake of your name.

C **Make us bold witnesses for you.**

See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Bible Readings for the First Week of Lent

Sunday Isaiah 53:1-3

Monday Psalm 22:6-11

Tuesday Matthew 13:53-57

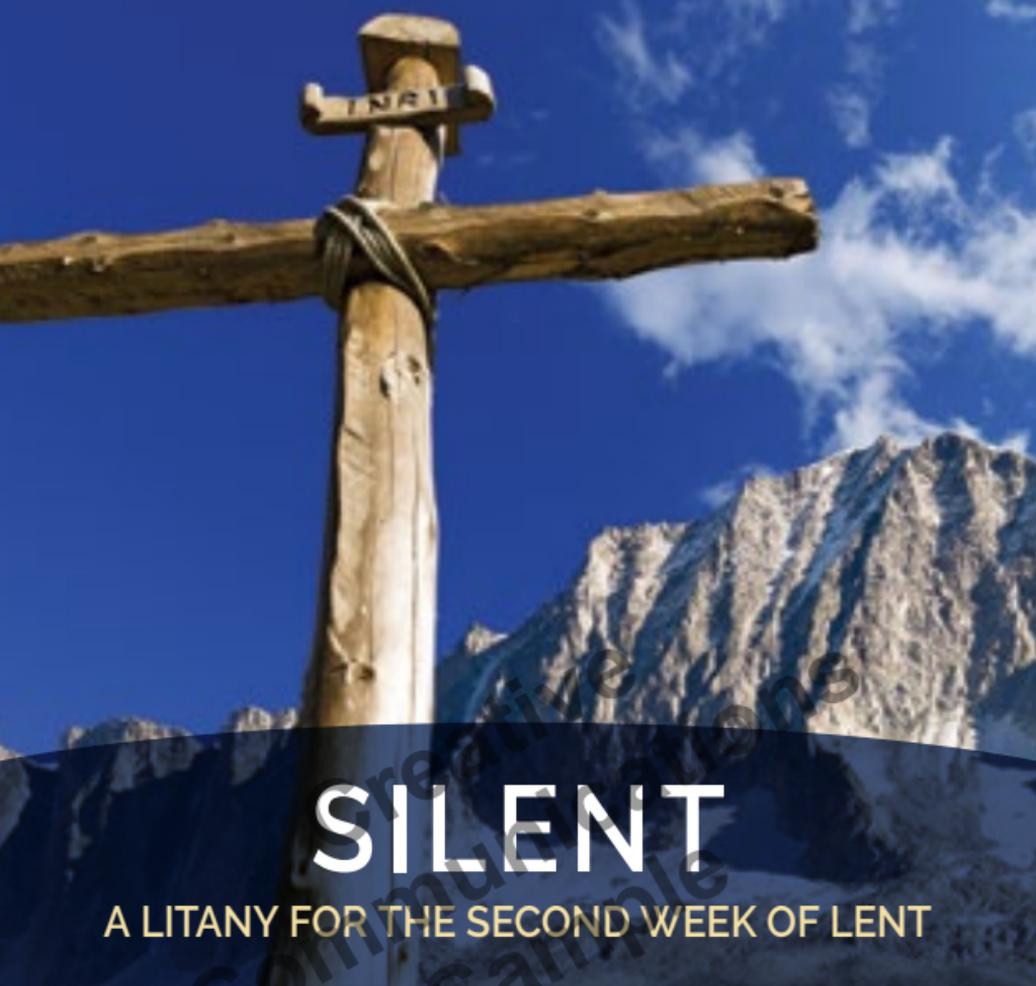
Wednesday Matthew 27:15-23

Thursday John 1:9-13

Friday 1 Peter 4:12-19

Saturday Matthew 5:10-12

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SILENT

A LITANY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

**There was no deceit in his mouth.
Isaiah 53:9**

- P** Jesus was despised and rejected. He was falsely accused, yet he did not speak in his own defense or answer those who condemned him. He remained silent, like a lamb led to the slaughter, and took up his cross for our sake.

Tune..... Southwell SM

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

- P** We often speak out in loveless ways, out of anger and envy.
- C** **Lord, forgive our loveless thoughts and words. Give us speech that glorifies you.**

- P** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
- C** **Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.** (Isaiah 53:7)
- P** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"
- C** **But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.** (Matthew 27:13-14)
- P** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
- C** **When he was reviled, he did not revile in return;**
- P** When he suffered, he did not threaten,
- C** **But continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.** (1 Peter 2:22-23)
- P** Lord, lead us to walk in love as you walked, so that our words and actions will be a blessing to others.
- C** **Fill us with words of comfort, hope and life to share with the world.**

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
 Takes all our sins away;
 A sacrifice of nobler name
 And richer blood than they.

Bible Readings for the Second Week of Lent

Sunday	Isaiah 53:7-9
Monday	Romans 12:14-18
Tuesday	James 3:7-10
Wednesday	Colossians 3:16-17
Thursday	Ephesians 4:29-32
Friday	Matthew 27:11-14
Saturday	1 Peter 2:21-25