

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

The Sacred Ordinary Retreat June 11-13, 2026

In the busyness of life, we all need moments to step away, quiet our hearts, and listen again to the voice of the Lord.

Whether you are spiritually refreshed, weary, searching, or simply longing for more of God, this retreat is for you.

Come ready to be strengthened. Come ready to be reminded that God is still at work in your life.

Registration Fee: **₱3,000.00**

Water Baptism Registration Ongoing

If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ and desire to publicly declare your commitment through water baptism, registration is now ongoing.



How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Free Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**



Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

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The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

Mark 15:16-20
Ptr. Nic Sy
May 17, 2026

SERMON NOTES

I. THE RUMBLE OF ASSEMBLED CRUELTY

A crowd can make cruelty feel normal.

Reflect: Where have we allowed a crowd to lower our compassion?

II. THE SMACK OF BRUTALITY AND VIOLENCE

Reflect: When you think about Jesus' suffering, has it become too familiar to you?

The physical pain of Jesus reminds us that his love was not sentimental. It was painful.

III. THE SPIT OF MOCKERY AND CONTEMPT

Have you ever been treated with contempt?

The spit of mockery was not just a historical detail of Roman cruelty; it is the proof that Jesus' love goes beyond our shame.

IV. THE THUD OF FALSE WORSHIP

Reflect: Does the posture of my body match the posture of my heart?

The thud of knees on a floor is either the most hollow sound in human experience or the most sacred.

V. THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS

The joy set before him, the thing that kept those feet moving, was you.

Reflect: If Jesus walked willingly toward the worst thing imaginable for the joy of bringing you home, what does that say about how he sees you? And what would it mean to follow someone who walks like that?

“THE SOUND OF HIS FOOTSTEPS”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 18-24, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were to describe your week right now as a sound, what would it sound like?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Mark 15:16-20

1. In Mark 15:16, the soldiers call together “*the whole battalion.*” What does this detail show us about the public nature of Jesus’ humiliation? Why do you think people can sometimes become more cruel when they are part of a crowd? In what settings today do we see people joining in mockery or contempt because “everyone else is doing it”? How can followers of Jesus resist the pressure to join the crowd?

2. In verses 17-18, the soldiers clothe Jesus in a purple cloak, put a crown of thorns on him, and salute him, “*Hail, King of the Jews!*” What makes this scene so deeply ironic? What were the soldiers trying to say about Jesus, and what was actually true about him? How does this passage challenge the way we think about power, honor, and kingship?

3. Mark 15:19 says the soldiers struck Jesus’ head with a reed and spit on him. How does this help us see that Jesus’ suffering was not only emotional or spiritual, but also deeply physical? Read Isaiah 50:6 and Isaiah 53:3-5. How do these passages help us understand Jesus as the suffering Servant? How does it comfort you to know that Jesus understands real pain, weakness, and suffering?

4. Jesus did not only suffer pain; he also bore shame. What is the difference between pain and shame? Why is it significant that Jesus allowed himself to be publicly mocked, spit on, and humiliated? When you experience shame, accusation, or the feeling of being “not enough,” how does this scene help you hear the gospel more clearly?

5. Mark records all the actions and sounds around Jesus, but no words from Jesus in this scene. Read Isaiah 53:7 and 1 Peter 2:23. What kind of silence do we see in Jesus? How is his silence different from fear, weakness, or passivity? In situations where you are criticized, misunderstood, or tempted to retaliate, what would it look like to entrust yourself to God instead of simply reacting?

6. Think about the things in your life that have felt like mockery directed at who you are or what you are called to do (e.g. your faith dismissed, your gifts minimized, your identity treated as a joke, etc.) How do you usually respond when that happens? What would it look like, practically, to respond the way Jesus did, not by being passive, but by remaining grounded in a identity that the crowd cannot take away?

NEXT STEPS

Jesus absorbed the noise of our sin so we could hear the voice of grace.

- **Listen Carefully.** I will pay attention to the noise shaping my heart.
- **Bow Honestly.** I will ask Jesus to show me one area where my outward worship does not yet match inward surrender.
- **Trust Quietly.** I will entrust myself to God when I am misunderstood, criticized, or tempted to retaliate.
- **Carry Grace.** I will respond to others with the grace Jesus showed me, especially when I am tempted to mock, criticize, or strike back.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for grace to hear Jesus above the noise, bow before him with a surrendered heart, and speak with the mercy of the silent King.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

May 18	Mark 15:16-20
May 19	John 10:14-18
May 20	John 4:19-26
May 21	Hebrews 12:1-11
May 22	Luke 23:32-43
May 23	Psalms 104:1-4
May 24	Psalms 104:5-9

