

Order Of Lenten Service

Opening Hymn: TLH 144

Reading: **Lent IV**

The History of the Passion of our Lord

Sermon Hymn: TLH 656

Sermon Text: Hebrews 13:13

The Bride—Outside The Camp

Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: TLH 158

Bible Study: Lambs: Mark 4:35-41; John 14:27; Perfect Peace
Sheep: Proverbs 1:7-9; Your Choice



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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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The Bride—Outside The Camp

13: Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

In what is rightly called his *High Priestly Prayer* recorded in John 17, the Son of God said—“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24. So it is your destiny and mine, as the elect Bride of Jesus Christ, to be with him forever in his Kingdom of Glory.

But before we are with him in his Kingdom of Glory, we must first be with him in his suffering, and his state of humiliation. The order is—first the *Cross*, and then the *Crown*. And this is what the Holy Spirit is telling us in Hebrews 13:13-- **Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.**

It is at this point that so many fall away. They hear the promises of Christ of eternal life in Paradise, and they receive those promises with joy. But when they find out that persecution comes along with joining with Christ, they turn back. To put it another way, they want the *Crown*. But they don't want the *Cross* that goes along with it.

If this surprises us, for sure it shouldn't. In the first parable that came from the mouth of God's Son, the parable of ***The Sower and the Seed***, Jesus said—“ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.” Matthew 13:20-21.

The Bride is not offended at these sufferings. She just wants to be with Christ—no matter where he is.

