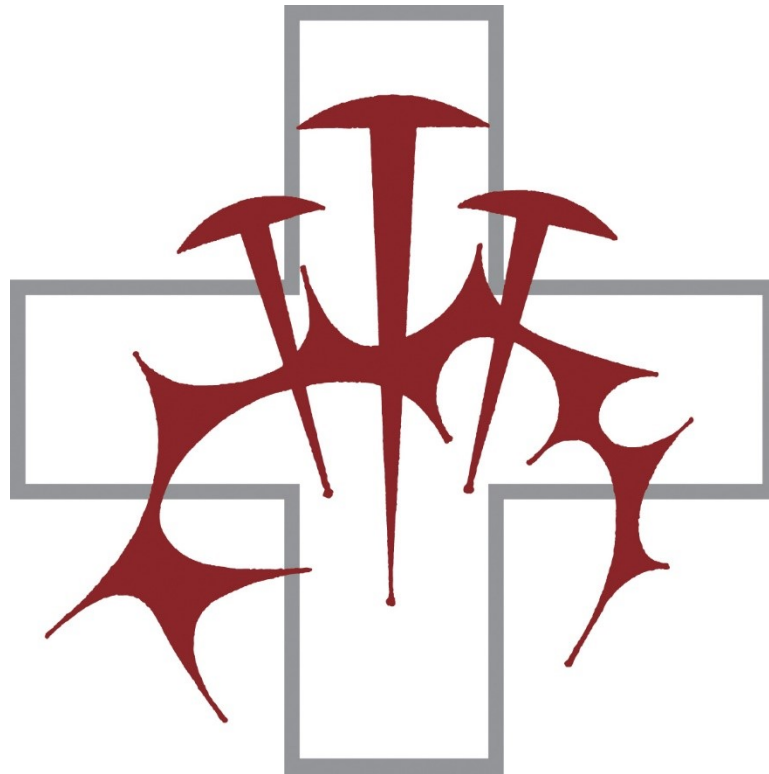


# Good Friday 2024 Service

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God Bless your worship with us!**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## WE ENTER IN SILENT REVERENCE FOR THIS SOLEMN DAY

### Opening Hymn ~ *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

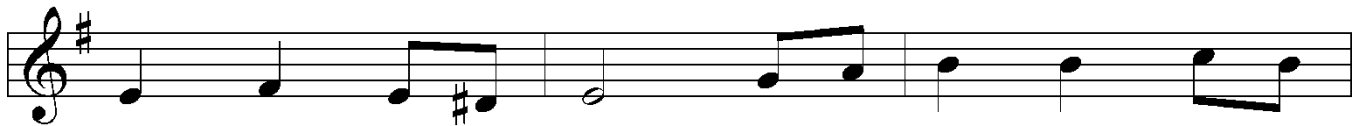
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men and to suffer death on the cross; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

**Pastor:** The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters fifty-two and fifty-three.

Look! *My Servant will* succeed. He will rise, be lifted up, and *be exalted very high*. Many were amazed at Him, for His appearance was more disfigured than any man and His form more than any person. So He will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him because *they have seen something they haven't been told and have witnessed something they haven't heard before. Who has believed what we told them? And to whom has the LORD's mighty working been revealed?* He grew up before Him like a shoot from a stock, like a sprout from a root in dry ground. And when we saw Him, He had no form or beauty to make us want to look at Him; or pleasing appearance to make us delight in Him. He was despised, forsaken by men, a man of sorrows who knew suffering. People covered their faces so as not to see Him. He was despised, and we thought nothing of Him. Surely *He has taken on Himself our suffering and carried our sorrows*, but we observed that God had stricken, smitten, and afflicted Him. And certainly He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our sins; By His punishment, we were saved and *by His wounds we were healed*. We have all gone *astray like sheep*. Every one of us has turned to go his own way, and the LORD has punished Him for the sins of us all. He was oppressed and mistreated without opening His mouth. *Like a lamb He was led away to be slaughtered. Like a mother sheep is silent before the men who cut off her wool, so He doesn't open His mouth. After He was tried as a prisoner He was then taken away. Who in His time even considered that He was cut off from the land of the living and struck down for His people's sins? They assigned Him a grave with criminals and with a rich man in His death, though He hadn't done any crime or said anything deceitful.* Yet the LORD planned to crush Him and slay Him. After He has sacrificed Himself

for guilt, He will see those born to Him and will enjoy a long life. And so by Him the LORD will succeed in what He wants to do. Because of the toil of His soul, He will see the light and be satisfied. By His experience My righteous Servant *justifies* many by taking on Himself the heavy load of their guilt. Because of this *I will give Him* many people as His share; and He will divide the spoil with the mighty because He *pours out His life in death, lets Himself be counted with sinners*, while He *takes on Himself the sins of many people and intercedes for the wrongdoers*.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Silence*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

**Pastor:** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter four and five.

Now that we have a great High Priest Who has gone through the heavens, Jesus, God's Son, let us cling to what we confess. We have a High Priest Who can sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way just as we are, only without sin. So let us come boldly to God's throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help us when we need it.

In His humble life on earth Jesus came to Him Who could save Him from death and prayed and pleaded, crying loud with tears, and because He feared God, He was heard. Although Jesus is the Son, He learned from what He suffered what it means to obey. And when He was finished, He became One Who gives *everlasting salvation* to all who obey Him.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Silence*

## COLLECT

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that You might remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen


### Tract for Good Friday

- P** Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;  
**C** preserve me from violent men,  
**P** who plan evil things in their heart  
**C** and stir up wars continually.
- P** They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,  
**C** and under their lips is the venom of asps.
- P** Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men,  
**C** who have planned to trip up my feet.
- P** The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread a net;  
**C** beside the way they have set snares for me.
- P** I say to the LORD, You are my God;  
**C** give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!
- P** O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation,  
**C** you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- P** I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,  
**C** and will execute justice for the needy.
- P** Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;  
**C** the upright shall dwell in your presence.

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HYMN - *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

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1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John  
Lesson: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

After Jesus said this, He took His disciples to the other side of the Kidron valley where there was a garden. He and His disciples went into it. Judas, who was betraying Him, also knew the place because Jesus and His disciples often got together there. So Judas took the troop of soldiers and servants from the ruling priests and Pharisees and came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus went out, knowing exactly what was going to happen to Him. "Whom are you looking for?" He asked them. "Jesus from Nazareth," they answered Him. "I am He," Jesus told them. Judas, ready to betray Him, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, "I am He," they went backward and fell to the ground. He asked them again, "Whom are you looking for?" "Jesus from Nazareth," they said. "I told you I am He," Jesus answered. "So if I'm the One you want, let these others go." This was to make good what He had said: "I lost none of those You gave Me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. "'Put your sword into its scabbard," Jesus told Peter. "The cup My Father gave Me — shouldn't I drink it?"

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
 O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

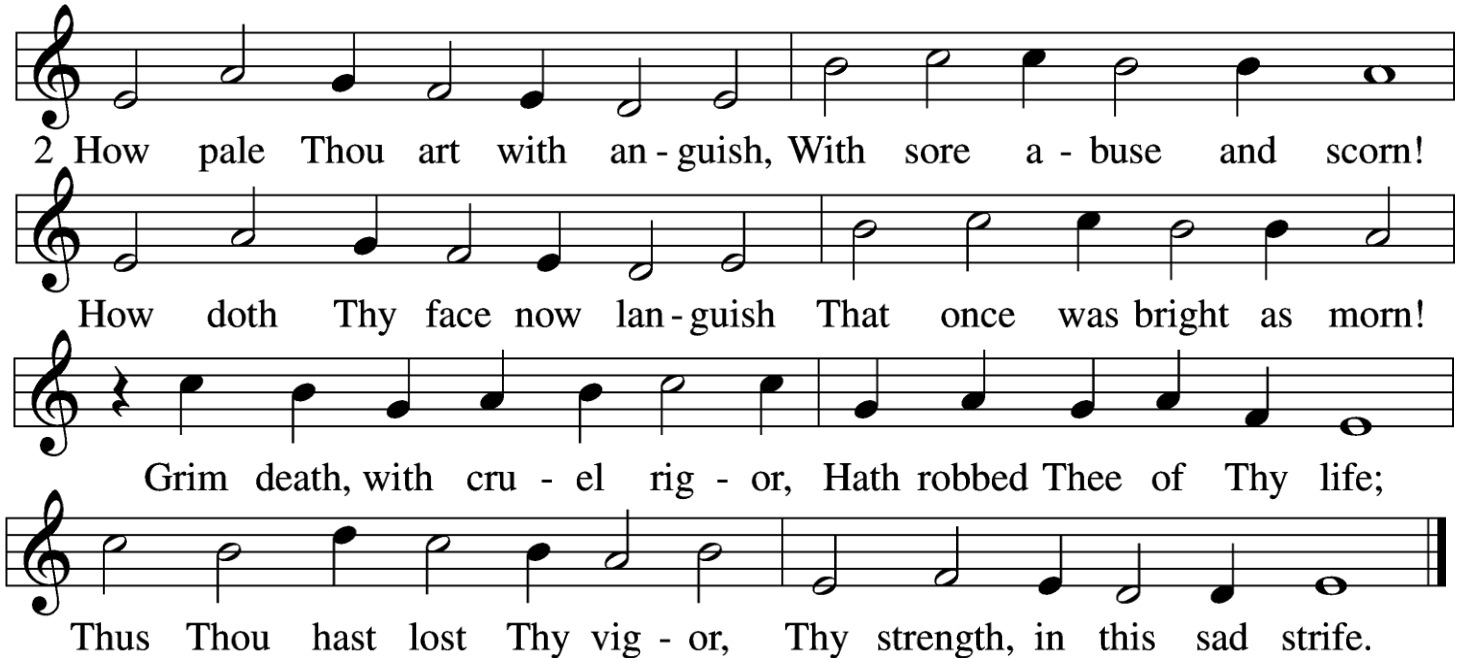
Pastor: Lesson: John 18:12-27 (Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

So the troop of soldiers, the tribune, and the attendants of the Jews arrested Jesus, bound Him, and took Him first to Annas, because he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who advised the Jews, "It is better that one man dies instead of the people." Now, Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. The other disciple was known to the high priest and went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. But Peter was standing outside the door. So the other disciple, whom the high priest knew, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in. This doorkeeper asked Peter, "You aren't one of this man's disciples, too, are you?" "I'm not," he answered. The slaves and the attendants were standing around and had made a heap of burning coals because it was cold. As they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them warming himself. Then the high priest asked Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. "I have spoken publicly to the world," Jesus answered him. "I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple, where all the Jews gather, and I haven't said anything in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." When He said this, one of the attendants standing near Jesus slapped His face. "Is that how you answer the high priest?" he asked. "If I said anything wrong," Jesus answered him, "tell us what was wrong. But if I told the truth, why

do you hit Me?" Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas, the high priest. Simon Peter continued to stand and warm himself. So the men asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples, too, are you?" He denied, saying, "I'm not!" One of the high priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again, Peter denied, and just then a rooster crowed.

**HYMN - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*LSB #450 v. 2*



2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

**Pastor: Lesson: John 18:28-40 (Jesus Before Pilate)**

The Jews took Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. It was early in the morning. To keep from getting unclean (they wanted to celebrate the Passover), the Jews themselves didn't go into the governor's palace. So Pilate came out to them. "What accusation are you bringing against this man?" he asked. "If he weren't a criminal," they answered him, "we wouldn't have handed him over to you." "Take him yourselves," Pilate therefore told them, "and judge him according to your law." "We're not allowed to kill anyone," the Jews answered him. And so what Jesus said when He predicted how He would die was to come true. Pilate went back into the palace and called for Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked Him. "Did you think of that yourself," Jesus asked, "or did others tell you about Me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate asked. "Your own people and the ruling priests handed you over to me. What did you do?" "My kingdom is not of this world," Jesus answered. "if My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But now



My kingdom is not of this world.” “Then you are a king?” Pilate asked Him. “Yes, I am a king!” Jesus answered. “I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who lives in the truth listens to Me.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” After saying this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I don't find this man guilty of anything. You have a custom that I set someone free for you at the Passover. So would you like me to set the King of the Jews free for you?” Then they yelled: “Not this one but Barabbas!” Now, Barabbas was a robber.

**HYMN - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*LSB #450 v. 3*

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

**Pastor: Lesson: John 19:1-16a (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him whipped. The soldiers twisted some thorns into a crown and placed it on His head and put a purple garment on Him. They went up to Him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and slapped His face. Pilate went outside again. "I'm bringing him out to you," he told them, "to let you know I don't find him guilty of anything." Jesus came outside wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. "Look at the man!" Pilate said to them. When the ruling priests and the servants saw Him, they shouted, "Crucify, crucify him!" "Take him yourselves," Pilate told them, "and crucify him. I don't find him guilty of anything." "We have a law," the Jews answered him, "and according to the law he must die. He has claimed to be God's Son." When Pilate heard them say that, he was frightened more than ever. He went into the palace again. "Where are you from?" he asked Jesus. But Jesus didn't answer him. "Don't you speak

to me?" Pilate then asked Him. "Don't you know I have the power to free you or to crucify you?" "You wouldn't have any power over Me," Jesus answered him, "if it hadn't been given to you from above. That is why the man who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." This made Pilate anxious to let Him go, but the Jews shouted, "If you let him go, you're no friend of Caesar. Anyone who makes himself a king is against Caesar." When Pilate heard this, he took Jesus outside and sat in the judge's seat at a place called Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in the Jewish language. It was the Friday of the Passover and about six o'clock. "Look at your king!" he said to the Jews. Then they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Should I crucify your king?" Pilate asked them. "We don't have any king but Caesar," the ruling priests answered. Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

**HYMN - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*LSB #450 v. 4*

4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.  
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
 Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

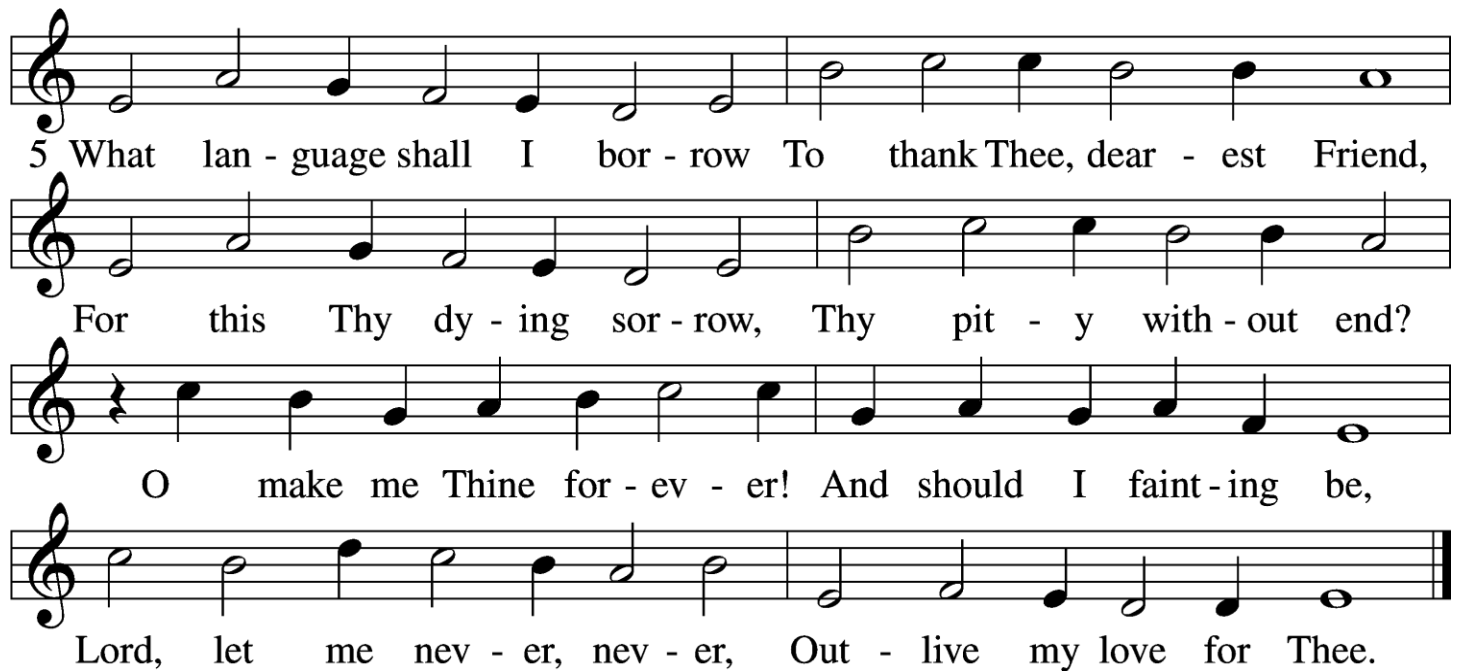
**Pastor: Lesson: John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)**

So they took Jesus, and He, carrying His cross, went out to what was called Skull Place, which the Jews call Golgotha. There they crucified Him with two others, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also wrote a notice and put it on the cross. It read: JESUS FROM NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. Then the ruling priests of the Jews told Pilate, "Don't write: 'The King of the Jews,' but: 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I've written I've written." When the soldiers

had crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier, and the tunic was left over. The tunic was without a seam, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another, "but let's throw lots and see who gets it"—what the Bible said had to come true: "*They divided My clothes among them, and for My garment they threw lots.*" So that's what the soldiers did.

**HYMN - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

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5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

**Pastor: Lesson: John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother And His Death)**

Now, His mother and her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary from Magdala were standing near Jesus' cross. Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing near. "Woman," He said to His mother, "there is your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "There is your mother!" The disciple took her and from that time on had her in his home. After this, knowing everything had now been done, and to have the words of the Bible come true, Jesus said, "*I am thirsty.*" A jar full of *sour wine* was standing there. So they put a sponge soaked in the wine on a hyssop stem and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, He said, "*It is finished.*" Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!  
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,  
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

Pastor: Lesson: John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

Since it was Friday and the Jews didn't want the bodies to stay on the crosses on Saturday, because that Sabbath was an important day, they asked Pilate to have the legs of the men broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and then of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw He was dead already, they didn't break His legs, but one of the soldiers stuck a spear into His side, and immediately blood and water came out. He who saw it has testified about it, and his testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth so that you, too, will believe. In this way what the Bible said had to come true: *"None of His bones will be broken."* And it says in another place: *"They will look at Him Whom they pierced."* Later Joseph from Arimathea who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he was afraid of the Jews — asked Pilate to let him take Jesus' body away. Pilate let him have it. So he came and took His body away. Then came also Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds. They took Jesus' body and wrapped it with the spices in linen according to the Jewish custom of burying the dead. There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new grave, in which no one had yet been laid. Here, then—because it was Friday (when the Jews got ready for the Sabbath) and the grave was near—they placed Jesus.

7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;  
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.  
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,  
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

*Silence*

## SERMON

### BIDDING PRAYER

*Assistant: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:*

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*Assistant: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:*

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in

Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve  
You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:*

**Pastor:** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

**Pastor:** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, Joe, our President, the Congress of the United States, Michael, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; and all who have authority over us; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:*

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You,

so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:*

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's Holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:*

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:*

**Pastor:** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Assistant: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:*

**Pastor:** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*Assistant: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:*

**People:** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Pastor:** Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**People:** Oh, come, let us worship Him.

*The following reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people, the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea.*

**Pastor:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people. (Micah 6:3-4)

**Response:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy

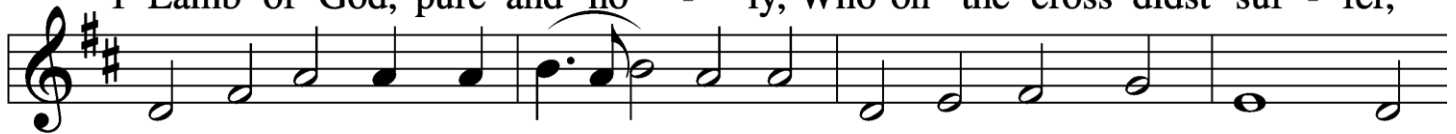


HYMN - *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

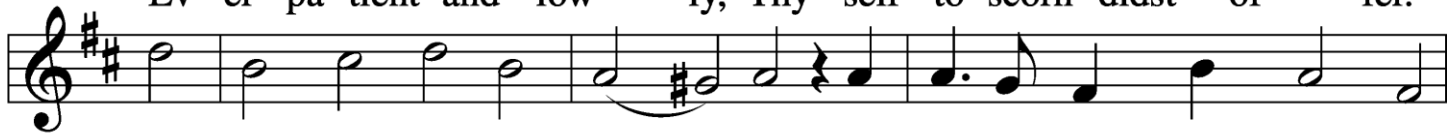
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1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people. (Jeremiah 2:6-7)

**Response: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

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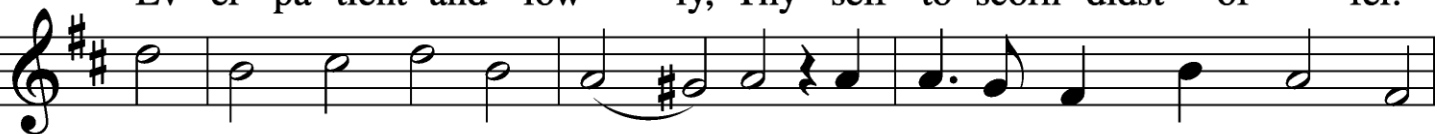
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2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



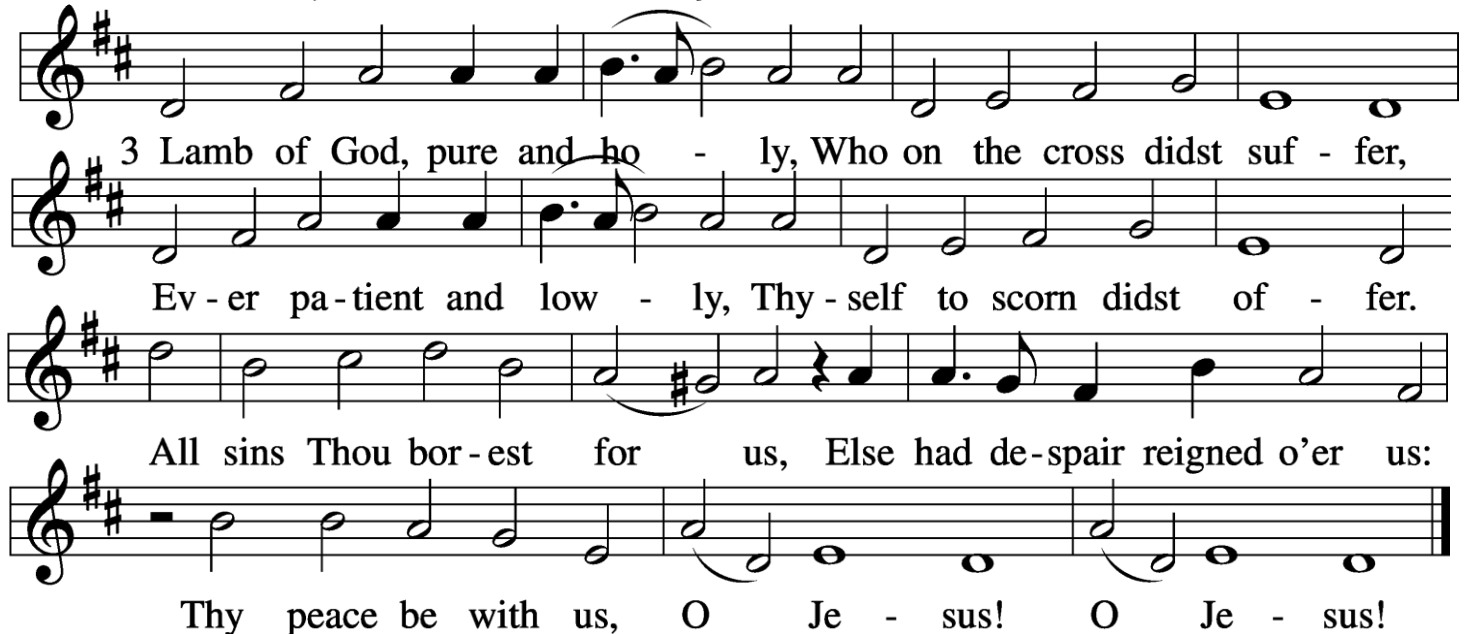
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**Pastor:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended You? Answer Me. What more could I have done for My vineyard that I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people. (Isaiah 5:2-4)

**Response:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

**HYMN - *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy***

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us: Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!"

**People:** We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

**Pastor:** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

**People:** By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**Pastor:** We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people, who have had the passion and death of Your Son in devout

remembrance that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN ~ Were You There**

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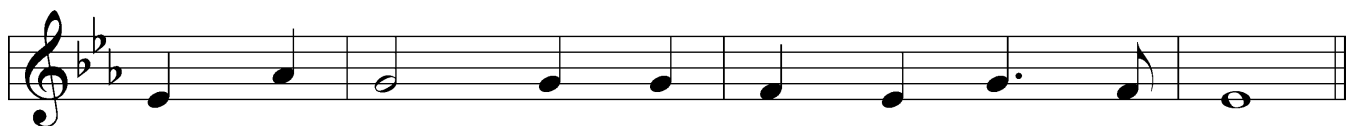
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.  
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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They have taken  
the Lord out of  
the tomb, and we  
do not know  
where they have  
laid him.

J o h n 2 0 : 2

*Easter Morning*  
*Communion Service*  
*10 am*



Easter Breakfast  
Large Fellowship Hall  
8:30 am