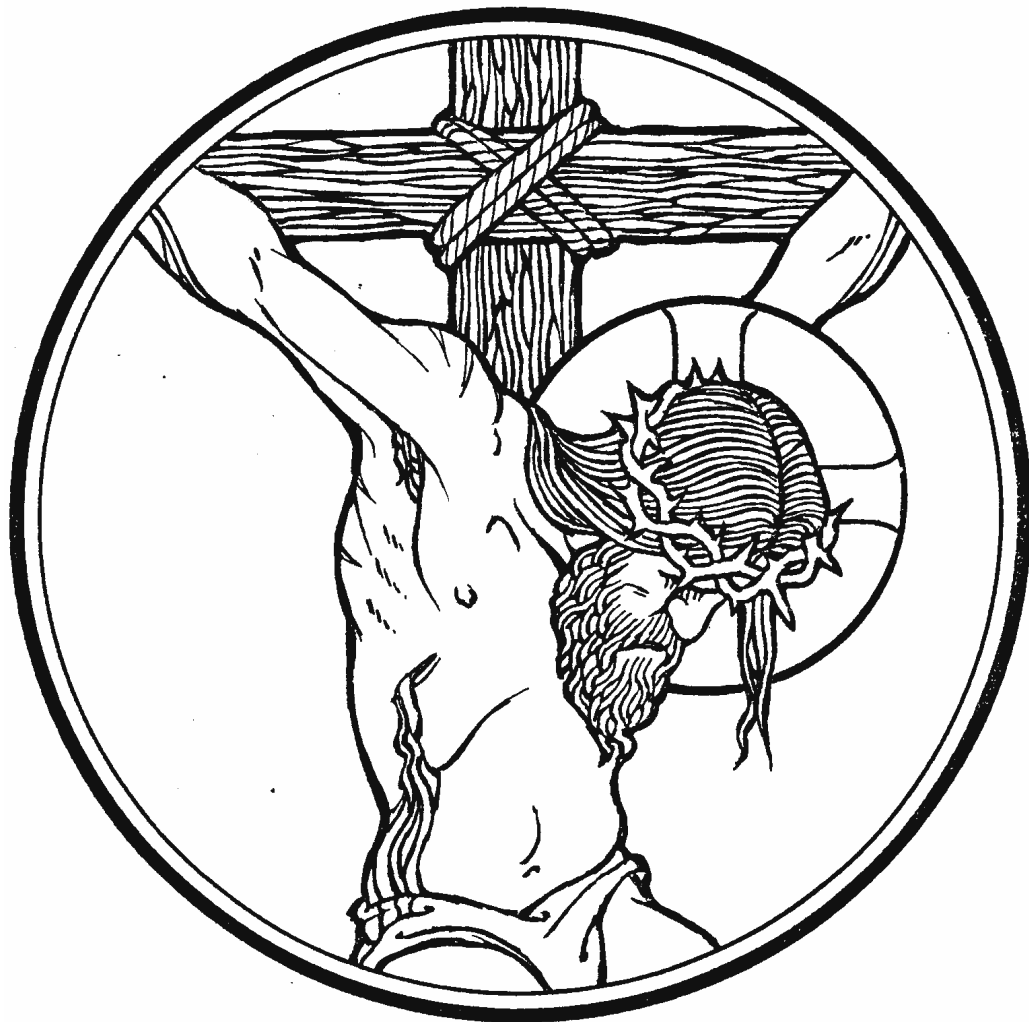


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## *Good Friday*

*Tenebrae Vespers*

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## *Congregation assembles in silence*

### Opening Versicles (please stand)

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

### Psalm 22 (*Spoken responsively*)

#### Why Have You Forsaken Me?

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*
- Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\***  
**and by night, but I | find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**In you our fathers | trusted,\***  
**they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**
- <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*
- in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But I am a worm and | not a man,\***  
**scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*
- they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup>**“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\***  
**let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”**
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*
- you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup>**On you was I cast | from my birth,\***  
**and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- <sup>12</sup>**Many bulls en- | compass me;\***  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;**
- <sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are | out of joint;\***  
**my heart is like wax;**

**it is melted with- | in my breast;**  
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
you lay me in the | dust of death.

**<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;\***  
**a company of evildoers encircles me;**  
**they have pierced my | hands and feet—**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*  
they stare and gloat | over me;

**<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,\***  
**and for my clothing they | cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

**<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,\***  
**my precious life from the power | of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\***  
**in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!

**<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred**  
**the affliction of the afflicted,**  
**and he has not hidden his | face from him,\***  
**but has heard, when he | cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

**<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;**  
**those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\***  
**May your hearts live for- | ever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore you.

**<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\***  
**and he rules over the | nations.**

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.  
<sup>30</sup>**Posterity shall | serve him;\***  
**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**  
<sup>31</sup>**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\***  
**that he has | done it.**

## **Psalm 2 (*Spoken responsively*)**

### **The Reign of the LORD's Anointed**

<sup>1</sup>Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup>**The kings of the earth set themselves,**  
**and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\***  
**against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,**  
<sup>3</sup>**“Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
and cast away their | cords from us.”**  
<sup>4</sup>**He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\***  
**the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**  
<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,  
<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”**  
<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree:.\*  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.  
<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**  
<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”  
<sup>10</sup>**Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\***  
**be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup>Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling.  
<sup>12</sup>**Kiss the Son,**  
**lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,**  
**for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\***  
**Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

## **Psalm 27 (Spoken responsively)**

### **The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me  
to eat | up my flesh,\*  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart | shall not fear;\*  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be | confident.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek | after:\***  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his | temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of | trouble;\*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\***  
**I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

<sup>8</sup>**You have said, | “Seek my face.”\***  
**My heart says to you,  
“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in | anger,\*  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my sal- | vation!

<sup>10</sup>**For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\*  
but the LORD will | take me in.**

- <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, | O LORD,\*  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my | enemies.
- <sup>12</sup>**Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries,\***  
**for false witnesses have risen against me,**  
**and they breathe out | violence.**
- <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD\*  
in the land of the | living!
- <sup>14</sup>**Wait | for the LORD,\***  
**be strong, and let your heart take courage;**  
**wait | for the LORD!**

**Psalms 51 (*Spoken responsively*)**  
**Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your | steadfast love,\*  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my trans- | gressions.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\***  
**and cleanse me | from my sin!**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my trans- | gressions,\*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you, you only, have I sinned**  
**and done what is evil | in your sight,\***  
**so that you may be justified in your words**  
**and blameless in your | judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- <sup>6</sup>**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\***  
**and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean,\*  
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and | gladness,\***  
**let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\***  
**and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your | presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\***  
**and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\*  
and sinners will re- | turn to you.
- <sup>14</sup>**Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my sal- | vation,\*  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.**
- <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open | my lips,\*  
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup>**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;\*,  
you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*,  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.
- <sup>18</sup>**Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;\*,  
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;**
- <sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offerings;\*,  
then bulls will be offered on your | altar.

Hymn

#438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

*John 18-19*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, **“Whom do you seek?”** <sup>5</sup>They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, **“I am he.”** Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, **“I am he,”** they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, **“Whom do you seek?”** And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, **“I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.”** <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: **“Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.”** <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, **“Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”**

## Jesus Before the High Priest

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

## Peter Denies Jesus

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

## The High Priest Questions Jesus

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, **“I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.”** <sup>21</sup>**Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”** <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, **“If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”** <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## Peter Denies Jesus Again

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

## Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” <sup>30</sup>They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## My Kingdom Is Not of This World

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, **“Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”** <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, **“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”** <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, **“You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”** <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”



After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## Hymn

## #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, **"You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."**

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

### The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **“Woman, behold, your son!”** <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, **“Behold, your mother!”** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## The Death of Jesus

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”** <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Hymn

## #452 O Perfect Life of Love

## Jesus’ Side Is Pierced

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

## Jesus Is Buried

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

## Responsory

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn

#448 O Darkest Woe

Sermon

Prayers

Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

Bidding Prayer

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

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

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

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

**P** 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, especially Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; Eric our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**A** 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, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**A** 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:

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** **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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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

**C** Amen.

***Congregation leaves in silence***

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil at St. John, Bingen
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b>
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Day Service</b>
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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