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GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE



As We Gather

This Lent, we have been using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood Who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by Faith people did recognize Him correctly.

As we conclude these forty days of Lent, looking within ourselves as people of Faith in our day, we again ask how we are like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most important, as we gather for worship, we see again what Jesus has done to Save us from our sins by His Holy, Precious Blood and Innocent Suffering and Death.

We are standing at the foot of the Cross, but there are others standing with us. Simon of Cyrene, the people who mock Jesus, and the centurion all have their eyes on the Cross as well. But the only viewpoint that truly matters is that of the Triune God. The Father sees our sins taken upon Jesus on the Cross, the Son looks on us in Forgiving Mercy, and the Holy Spirit sees the Message we are to proclaim. 'Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus' (Hebrews 12:2).

Our theme for Lent is:
'Eyes of Jesus'

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROLOGUE

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Fellow Redeemed, there were many people watching our LORD as He finished the course He was determined to follow, His eyes set on the Cross before Him. Few of the onlookers could understand what was happening. But none of them dissuaded Him from doing His Father's Will — for us.

P When a woman anointed Him with precious oil, the disciples complained,

C "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor."

P Jesus said,

A "She has Anointed My Body beforehand for Burial." (Mark 14:8)

P When Jesus announced that one of the Twelve would betray Him, they said to Him,

C "Is it I?"

P He said to them,

A "The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him." (Mark 14:21)

- P** When He told the disciples to watch and pray, they fell asleep and did not know what to answer Him. But He said,
A *“It is enough; the hour has come.” (Mark 14:41)*
- P** When He said that they would all fall away, Peter said to Him,
C **“Even though they all fall away, I will not.” (Mark 14:29)**
- P** Jesus said to him,
A *“Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” (Mark 14:30)*
- P** When the high priest asked Him,
C **“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”**
- P** Jesus said,
A *“I Am.”*
- P** When Pilate asked Him,
C **“Are You the King of the Jews?”**
- P** Jesus answered him,
A *“You have said so.” (Mark 15:2)*
- P** When Jesus and the disciples were eating the Passover meal, He revealed to them,
A *“This is My Body; this is My Blood of the Covenant.” (Luke 14:22, 24)*
- P** And when He was on the Cross, and the leaders mocked Him, saying,
C **“He saved others; He cannot save Himself,”**
- P** He cried out,
A *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Psalm 22:1)*
- P** Today, let us fix our eyes on the Cross and realize with the centurion that
C **“Truly this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39)**

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

- P** *(quiet)* Behold the Life-Giving Cross, on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**
- P** *(louder)* Behold the Life-Giving Cross, on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**
- P** *(full-voiced)* Behold the Life-Giving Cross, on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

HYMN OF INVOCATION: *“Our Eyes Behold the Savior’s Face”*

1.
**Our eyes behold the Savior’s face
 And yet cannot perceive
 That His perspective held our grace
 Before we could believe.**

3.
**Our sights train on the dreadful cross.
 Beneath His knowing eyes,
 Our sins are bare and set for loss;
 He sees us as His prize.**

2.
**Our focus flits and fails
 To see The One whose steadfast gaze
 Propelled Him to the darkened tree
 Enveloped in death’s haze.**

4.
**Our vision blurs with anxious tears
 As Jesus’ eyelids fall
 To conquer sin and all our fears
 And tear in two our pall.**

5.

**Our view scans for the coming Day That evermore grows near,
When Jesus wipes our tears away And all is crystal clear.**

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EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us Forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
C **and You Forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine Infinite Mercy, seeking and imploring Thy Grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.
P **O Most Merciful God, Who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have Mercy upon us and for His sake grant us Remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us True Knowledge of Thee and of Thy Will and True Obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy Grace we may come to Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had Mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives Power to become the Children of God and has Promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, unto us all.

P **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* (LSB: 425)

1.
**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.**

2.
**Forbid it, LORD, that I should boast
Save in the Death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His Blood.**

3.
**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?**

4.
**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so Amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

SALUTATION

P The LORD be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. LORD God Almighty, Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, so Strengthen our Faith this day that we may fix our eyes on Jesus, ignore the views of this fallen world, and see with clarity Your Love for us and all mankind; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD, † Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

Isaiah writes about how people saw our LORD during His Passion, how His Father viewed the Sacrifice, and the Love which was in our Savior’s eyes.

- P** This is the Word of the LORD.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *2 Corinthians 5:14–21*

- P** The Epistle is from the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians.

- P** This is the Word of the LORD.
- C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” (LSB: 427)

1.
**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.**

2.
**Forbid it, LORD, that I should boast
 Save in the Death of Christ, my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His Blood.**

3.
**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?**

4.
**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so Amazing, so Divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 15:21–39*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O LORD.

P “And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry [Jesus’] Cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they Crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they Crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, ‘The King of the Jews.’ And with Him they Crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying,”

C “Aha! You Who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

P “So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying,”

C “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the Cross that we may see and believe.”

P “Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,”

A “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*”

P “which means, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’ And some of the bystanders hearing it said,”

C “Behold, He is calling Elijah.”

P “And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying,”

C “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”

P “And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said,”

C “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: “*Savior, When In Dust to You*” (LSB: 419)

1.
We sing the praise of Him Who Died,
Of Him Who Died upon the Cross.
The sinner’s Hope let all deride;
For this we count the world but loss.

2.
Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, “God is Love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us Mercy from above.

3.
The Cross! It takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with Hope the gloomy day
And sweetens ev’ry bitter cup.

4.
It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with Light;

5.
The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner’s refuge here below,
The angels’ theme in heav’n above.

6.
To Christ, Who Won for sinners Grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and Forevermore.

SERMON: “*Eyes on the Cross*”

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our Salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He Suffered and was Buried.

And the third day He Rose again according to the Scriptures and Ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with Glory to Judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is Worshiped and Glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

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 Donald Trump, our president; the Congress of the United States; Greg Abbott, 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 to 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.

✠ SERVICE OF DARKNESS ✠

Psalm *Psalm 22:1–11 (antiphon: v.1)*

P Jesus may have prayed Psalm 22 as He hung on the cross. Today, we will use it to “frame” the Passion. The first part reads as if describing what Jesus was observing and experiencing on the Cross. The last part is the conviction of everyone who sees in Him the Salvation He Won for us.

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

C O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

P Yet You are Holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

P To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

C But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

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

C 'He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!'

P Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

C On You was I cast from My birth, and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

P Be not far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

C My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

P Many bulls encompass Me; strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

C they open wide their mouths at Me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

P I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;

C My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;

P My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws;

C You lay Me in the dust of death.

P For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me;

C they have pierced My hands and feet—

P I can count all My bones — they stare and gloat over Me;

C they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

HYMN: "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" (To the Tune of 616) (LSB: 429)

1.

We sing the praise of Him Who Died,
Of Him Who Died upon the Cross.
The sinner's Hope let all deride;
For this we count the world but loss.

2.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, "God is Love."
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us Mercy from above.

3.

The Cross! It takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with Hope the gloomy day
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

4.

It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with Light;

5.

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6.

To Christ, Who Won for sinners Grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and Forevermore.

PASSION: *John 18:1 – 19:42*

(John 18:1–9)
(The first candle is extinguished)
(John 18:10–18)

HYMN: “*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*” (LSB: 423)

1.

**Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, Whom we love,
Fountain in Life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the Cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.**

2.

**Do we pass that Cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless Death has brought us
Life Eternal, Peace, and Rest;
Only what Your Grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.**

3.

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent Love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your Cross Anew
Till in Glory, parted never From the Blessèd Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts Forever, Dwell the Cross, the Crucified.**

John 18:19–27

(The second candle is extinguished)

(John 18:28–38a)

HYMN: “*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*” (LSB: 422)

1.

**On my heart imprint Your Image, Blessèd Jesus, King of Grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, Crucified for me,
Is my Life, my Hope’s Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation!**

John 18:38–19:7

(The third candle is extinguished)

John 19:8–16a

HYMN: “*Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted*” (LSB: 451)

1.

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the Long-Expected Prophet,
David’s Son, yet David’s LORD;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the True and Faithful Word.**

2.

**Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.**

3.
 Ye who think of sin but lightly
 Nor suppose the evil great
 Here may view its nature rightly,
 Here its guilt may estimate.
 Mark the Sacrifice appointed,
 See who bears the awful load;
 'Tis the Word, the LORD's Anointed,
 Son of Man and Son of God.

4.
 Here we have a Firm Foundation,
 Here the Refuge of the lost:
 Christ, the Rock of our Salvation,
 Is the Name of which we boast;
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
 None shall ever be confounded
 Who on Him their Hope have built.

John 19:16b–22

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

REPROACHES: *Based on Micah 6; Jeremiah 2; and Isaiah 5*

- Ⓛ The words of the prophets, as they were adapted for this day centuries ago, portray God's abject sadness and dismay as He looked down on His Son on the Cross.
- Ⓟ 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*
- Ⓢ **Holy LORD God, Holy and Mighty God, Holy and Most Merciful Redeemer; God Eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O LORD, have Mercy.**
- Ⓟ 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*
- Ⓢ **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.**
- Ⓟ Thus says the LORD: What have I done to you, O My People, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than 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*
- Ⓢ **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.**

(The fifth candle is extinguished)

John 19:23–30

(A moment of silence)

HYMN: "O Perfect Love Life of Love" (LSB: 452)

1.
 O Perfect Life of Love!
 All, all, is finished now,
 All that He left His Throne Above
 To do for us below.

2.
 No work is left undone
 Of all the Father Willed;
 His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
 The Scriptures have Fulfilled.

3.
 No pain that we can share
 But He has felt its smart;
 All forms of human grief and care
 Have pierced that tender heart.

4.
 And on His thorn-crowned head
 And on His Sinless Soul
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid
 That He might make us whole.

5.
In Perfect Love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O All-Atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by Faith to Thee.

6.
In ev'ry time of need,
Before the Judgment Throne,
Thy Work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy Merits, not mine own.

7.
Yet Work, O LORD, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be To Grace Thy Love has brought.

John 19:31–37

(The sixth candle is extinguished)

John 19:38–42

(The Christ Candle is removed)

PSALM: *Psalm 22:19–31*



- P** ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!*
O You My Help, come quickly | to My aid!
²⁰ Deliver My soul | from the sword,*
My Precious Life from the power | of the dog!
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
²² I will tell of Your Name to My | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You:
- ²³ 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!
²⁴ 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.
- ²⁵ From You comes My praise in the great congre- | gation;*
My vows I will perform before those who | fear Him.
²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall | praise the LORD!*
May your hearts live for- | ever!
- ²⁷ 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.
²⁸ For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and He Rules over the | nations.
- ²⁹ 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.
³⁰ Posterity shall | serve Him;*
it shall be told of the LORD to the coming gener- | ation;

³¹ they shall come and proclaim His Righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that He has | done it.

¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!*
O You my help, come quickly | to My aid!

STREPITUS

*A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of God's book.
The Christ candle is returned in recognition that God is eternally alive.*

COLLECT

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. Amen.

(Please observe silence while departing.)

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