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9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

Lent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Psalm 22

Psalm 22; Antiphon v. 27 Tone K



¹My God, my God, why have you for - | saken me? *

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer, *

and by night, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are | holy, *

enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

⁴In you our fathers | trusted; *

they trusted, and you de - | livered them.

⁵To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and | not a man, *

scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

⁷**All who see me | mock me;***

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

⁸**“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;***

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*

you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast | from my birth, *

and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.

¹¹**Be not far from me, for trouble | is near, ***

and there is | none to help.

¹²**Many bulls en- | compass me;***

strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;

¹³they open wide their | mouths at me, *

like a ravening and roaring | lion.

¹⁴I 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;

¹⁵**my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;***

you lay me in the | dust of death.

¹⁶**For dogs en- | compass me;***

a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count | all my bones— *

they stare and gloat | over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments a- | mong them, *

and for my clothing they | cast lots.

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!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*

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

²²I 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!

**²⁴For 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.**

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

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

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

**²⁸For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.**

**²⁹All 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.**

**³⁰Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**

**³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.**

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

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray... 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Readings

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters.

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence

P Let us pray... 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 31:1–5, 7–10, 14–18, 23–24 Tone I



¹In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; *
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily! *
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to | save me!

³For you are my rock and my | fortress; *
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;
⁴you take me out of the net they have hidden | for me, *
for you are my | refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my | spirit; *
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

⁷I will rejoice and be glad in your | steadfast love,*
because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress | of my soul,

⁸and you have not delivered me into the hand of the | enemy;*
you have set my feet in a | broad place.

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing;*
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.

¹⁴But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You | are my God."

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

¹⁶Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!

¹⁷O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call up- | on you;*
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently | to Sheol.

¹⁸Let the lying | lips be mute,*
which speak insolently against the righteous in pride | and contempt.

²³Love the LORD, all | you his saints!*
The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who | acts in pride.

²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Epistle

Colossians 2:13–15

P The Epistle is from Colossians, the second chapter.

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence

P Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so 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.

C Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Choir sings the first and third verse to the tune from LSB 450. The Congregation sings the second and fourth verse to the tune from LSB 449.

- 1 *O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.*



- 2 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.

- 3 *What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.*



- 4 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.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate 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." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When 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." ⁷The 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." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So 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?" ¹¹Jesus 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."

¹²From 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." ¹³So 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They 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." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken sts. 1-2

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
fes - sion, Thee; What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry They cru - ci - fy Thee.

Stand

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When 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, ²⁴so 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, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

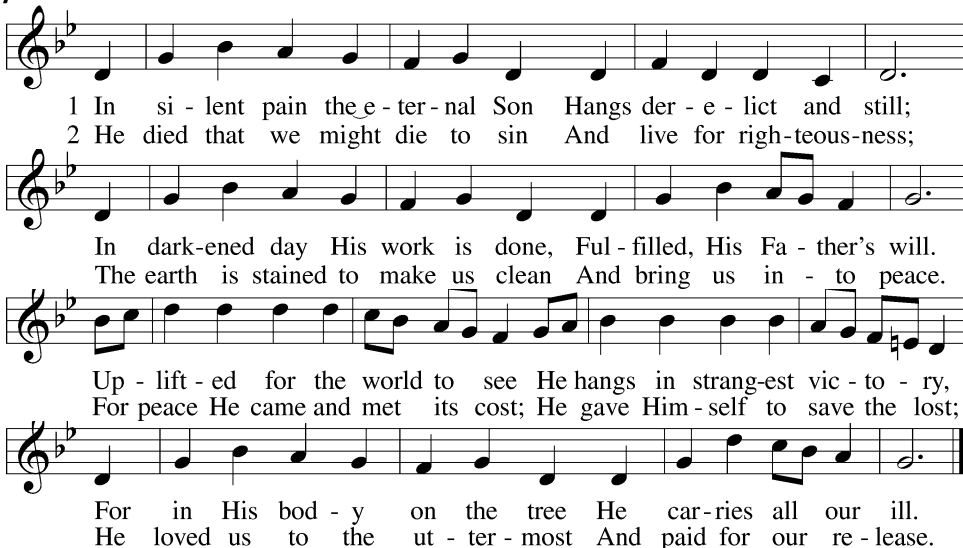
Silence for Reflection on Christ's Sacrifice for Us.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son sts. 1-2



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;
In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.

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

³⁸After 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. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now 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. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es

me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
 sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,
 King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Sermon

The Prayers

Stand

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:

Hymn

767 Jesus, Remember Me

Sung by the Congregation and the Choir



- 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.

G Amen.

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

Hymn**767 Jesus, Remember Me***Sung by the Choir Only*

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 our President; the Congress of the United States; 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:

Hymn**767 Jesus, Remember Me***Sung by the Choir Women Only*

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:

Hymn**767 Jesus, Remember Me***Sung by the Choir Men Only*

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:

Hymn**767 Jesus, Remember Me***Sung by Soloist Only*

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.

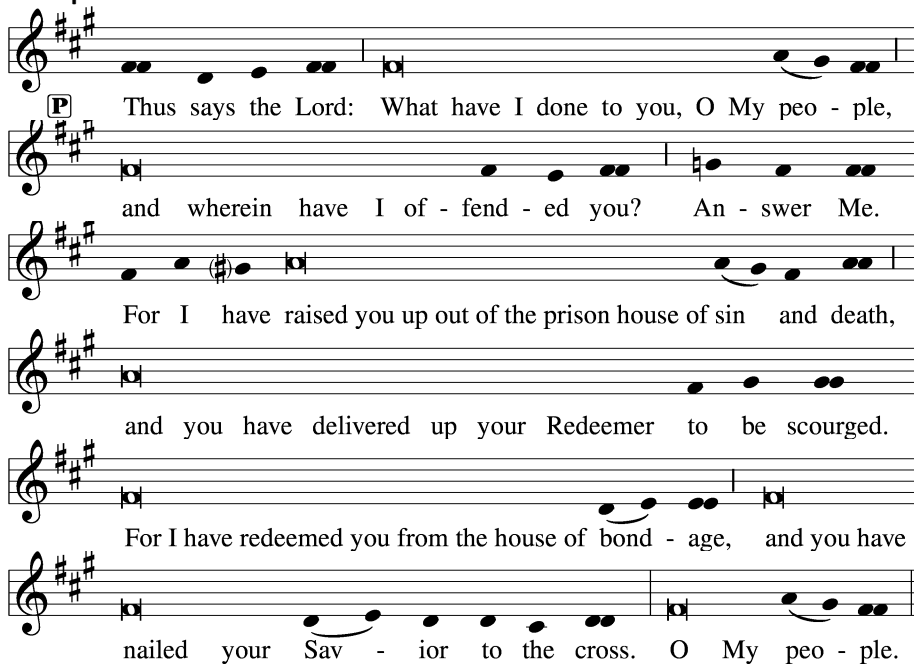
C Amen.

A 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.**

The Reproaches

First Reproach



Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer 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 bond - age, and you have
nailed your Sav - ior to the cross. O My peo - ple.

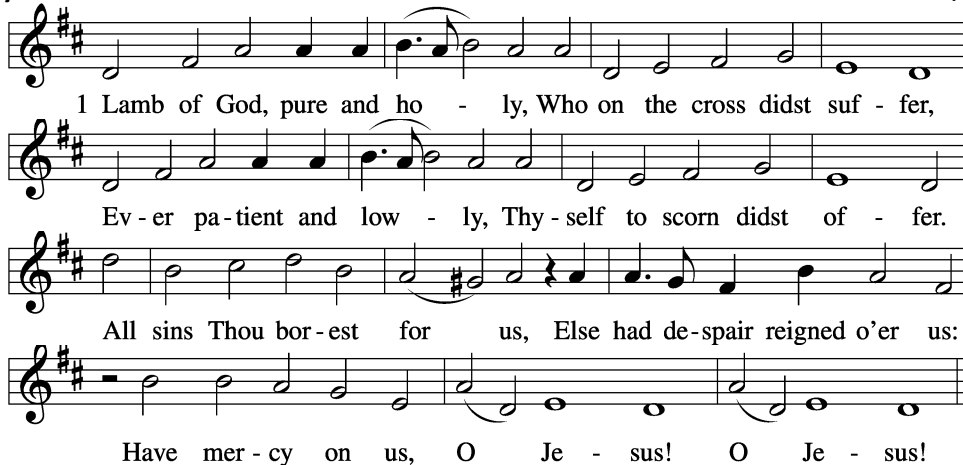
Soloist

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

Congregation

Hymn

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



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!

Second Reproach

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and
delivered Me to those who per - se - cute Me. For I have fed you with
My Word and refreshed you with living wa - ter, and you have given
Me gall and vin - e - gar to drink. O My peo - ple.

Soloist

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.

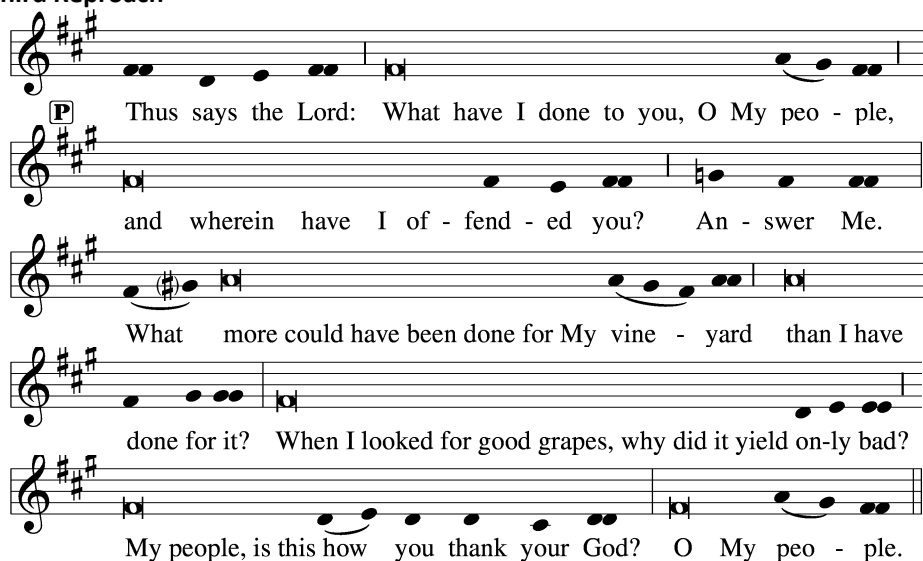
Congregation

Hymn

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 2

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!

Third Reproach



Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My peo - ple,
and wherein have I of - fend - ed you? An - swer Me.
What more could have been done for My vine - yard than I have
done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield on-ly bad?
My people, is this how you thank your God? O My peo - ple.

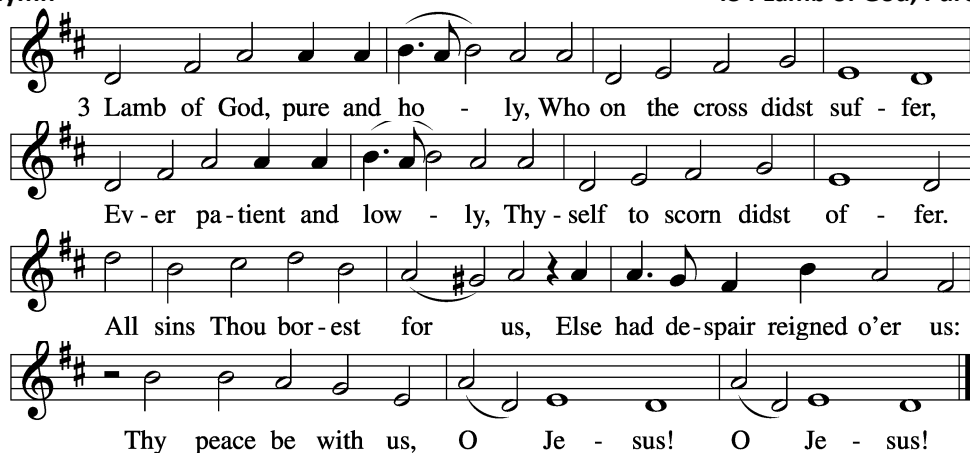
Soloist

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.

Congregation

Hymn

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 3



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!

The Seven Words from the Cross

The First Word: A Word of Pardon

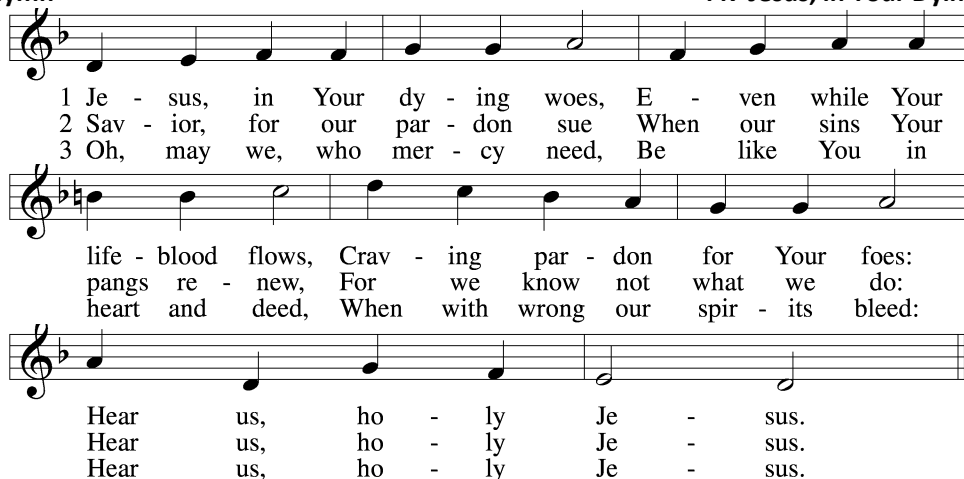
Luke 23:33–34

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness through Christ our Savior. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 1–3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in

life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

A bell sounds. The first candle is extinguished.

The Second Word: A Word of Promise

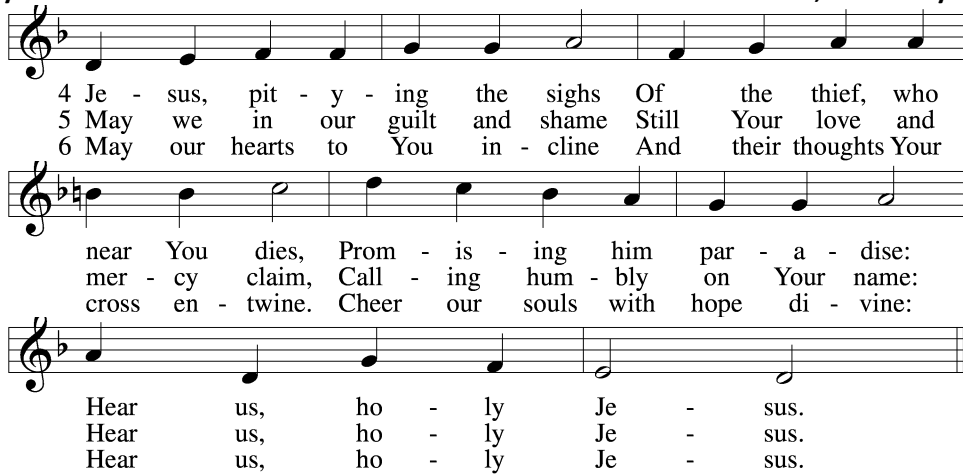
Luke 23:39–43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P O God, Your days are without end, and Your mercies cannot be numbered. Make us ever mindful of the shortness and uncertainty of life. By the working of Your Holy Spirit preserve us in faithfulness and righteousness that, when we have served You in our generation, we may finally join the saints in heaven. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 4–6



4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
 5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
 6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your

near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
 mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
 cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Two bells sound. The second candle is extinguished.

The Third Word: A Word of Love

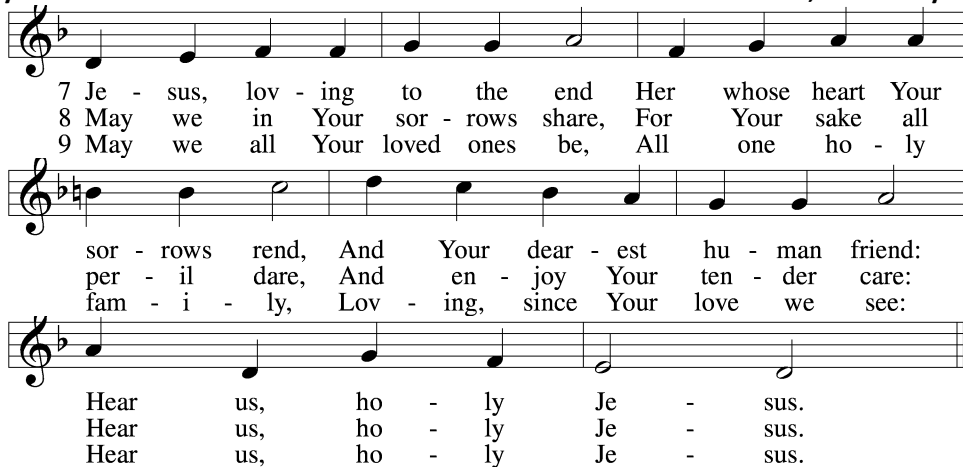
John 19:25–27

²⁵But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant Your servants health both of mind and body that they may love You with their whole heart and with their whole strength perform those things that are pleasing to You. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 7–9



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
 8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
 9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly

sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
 per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
 fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Three bells sound. The third candle is extinguished.

The Fourth Word: A Word of Justice

Matthew 27:45–46

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

P Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 10–12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our
left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Four bells sound. The fourth candle is extinguished.

The Fifth Word: A Word of Torment

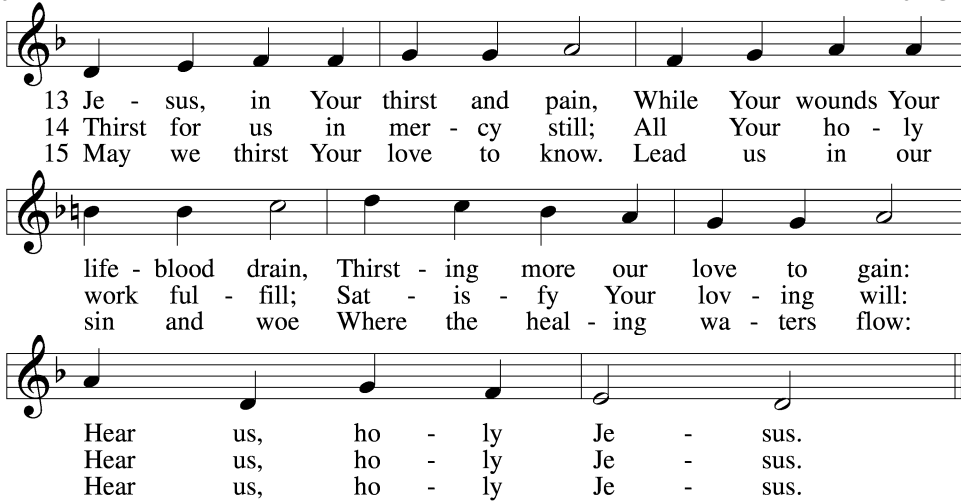
John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

P Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we endure sufferings and death before we enter into eternal glory. Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our lives that we may know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 13–15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
 14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our

life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
 work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
 sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Five bells sound. The fifth candle is extinguished.

The Sixth Word: A Word of Triumph

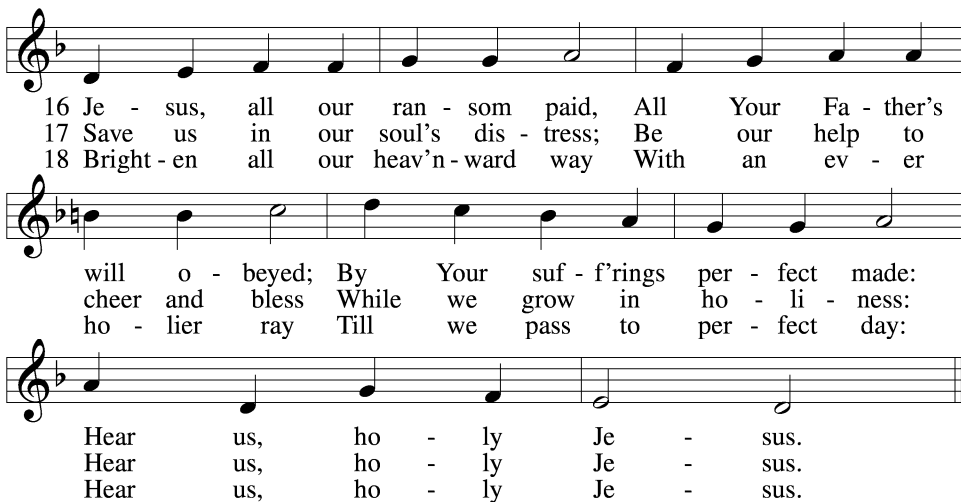
John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so 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. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 16–18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther’s
 17 Save us in our soul’s dis - tress; Be our help to
 18 Bright - en all our heav’n - ward way With an ev - er

will o - beyed; By Your suf - f’rings per - fect made:
 cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
 ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Six bells sound. The sixth candle is extinguished.

The Seventh Word: A Word of Rest

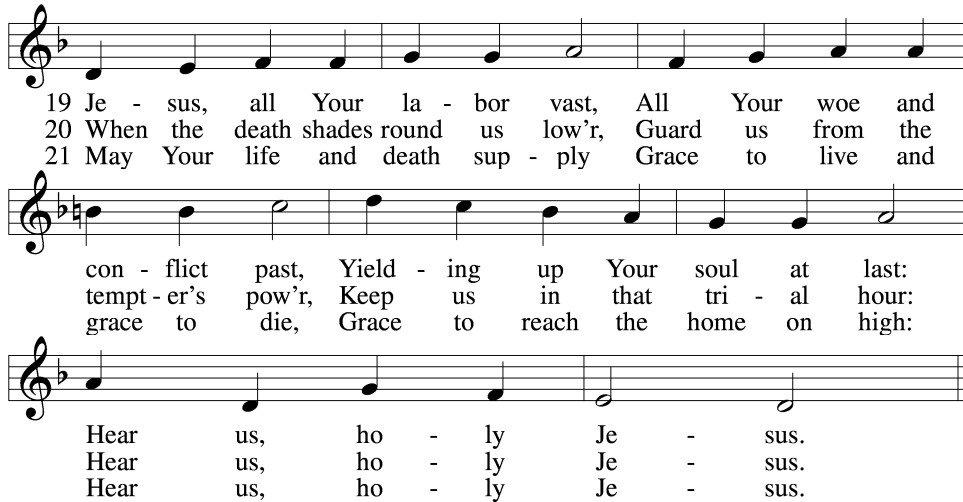
Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

P O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hymn

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes sts. 19–21



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and
20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the
21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and
con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:
tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:
grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

The Darkness of Death

Seven bells sound. The Final candle is extinguished, and the flame is carried out of the sanctuary.

All light is extinguished as a reminder of the darkness of death and the grave.

Strepitus

A loud sound is heard. Historically this had been done to symbolize either the closing of God's Book or the closing of the tomb.

Solo

“If I Be Lifted Up” by Gregory Norbet and Weston Priory

The Light is carried back into the Sanctuary and a candle is re-lit in anticipation of Easter.

All leave in silence with minimal light.