



# Good Friday

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## + PREPARATION +

### 436 GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

sts. 1–3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful mourn - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Philippians 2:5,8; 1 John 2:1–2; Isaiah 53:4*

**P** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**C** He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**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.

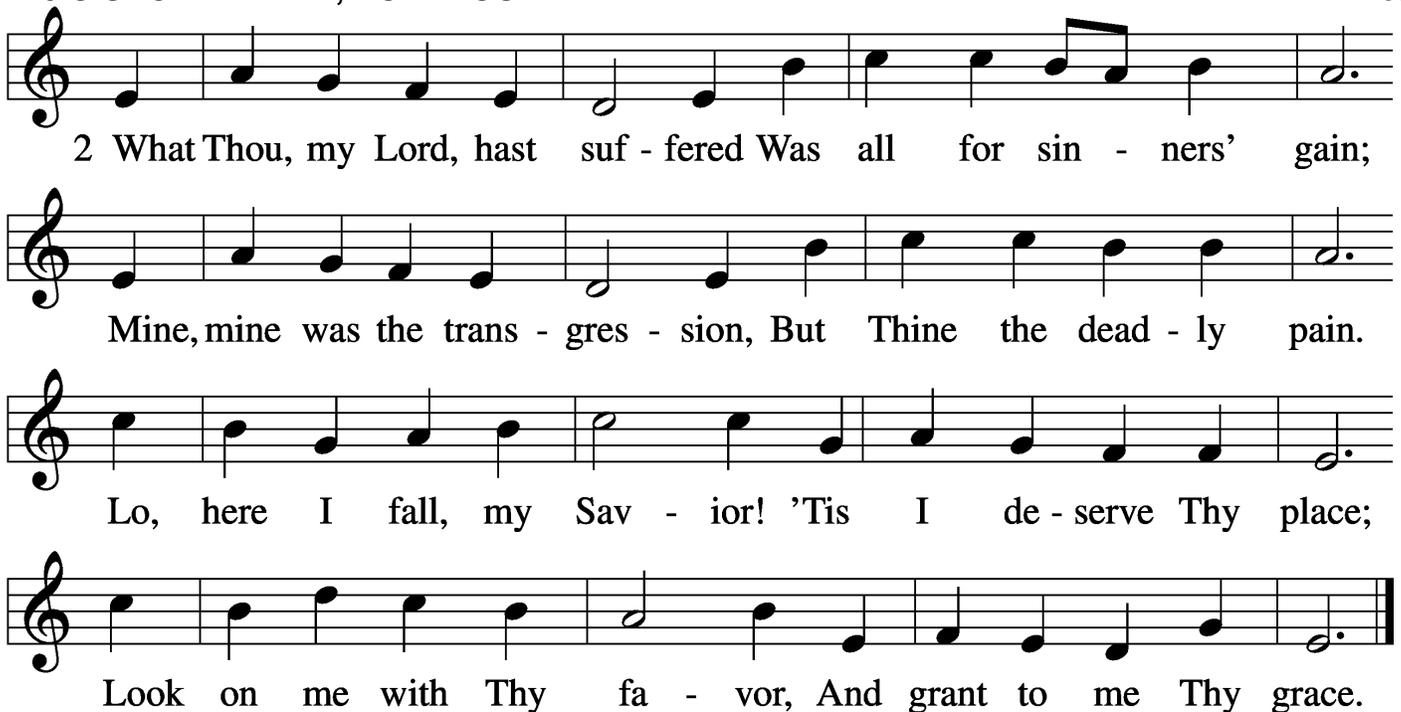
**C** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the evil of a fallen creation, the agony of Your rejection, the pain of Your condemnation, and the horror of Your crucifixion.
- C** **As we approach the cross on Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against Your will and ways.**
- P** Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking, and doing.
- C** **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**
- P** We have not loved You with our whole heart,
- C** **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** We often fail to see the good You work at Your time and in Your way, even amid the evil around us.
- C** **Our faith suffers in doubt, and we lose our trust in You.**
- P** We can only say:
- C** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

### 449 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

st. 2

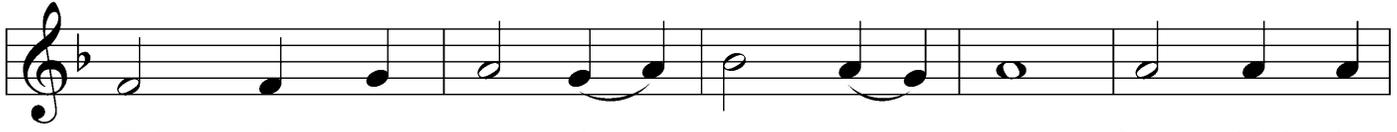


2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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- P** The holy death of our Lord Jesus Christ on this good day was for You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## 425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

+ WORD +

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup>so 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.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>He 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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But 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.

<sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He 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.

<sup>8</sup>By 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?

<sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet 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.

<sup>11</sup>Out 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.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 31*

**C** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

Men: **Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

Women: **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.**

**C** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**P** I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

**C** I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul, and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

Men: **Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

Women: **Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.**

**P** I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**C** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

Men: **O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.**

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

**C** Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

**P** In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues.

**C** Blessed be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

Men: **I had said in my alarm, 'I am cut off from Your sight.' But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.**

Women: **Love the LORD, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

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

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

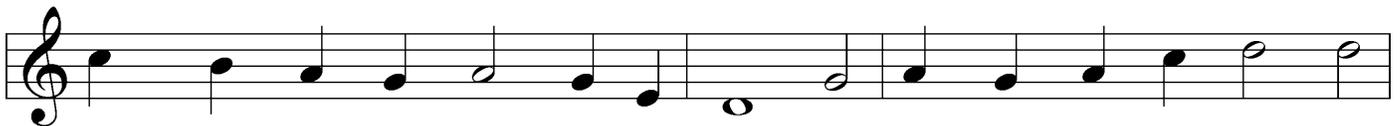
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

*sts. 1–2*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my  
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:1–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.

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.

<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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

434 LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 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.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - 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:  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 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!  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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SERMON

449 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

st. 3



3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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## 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.

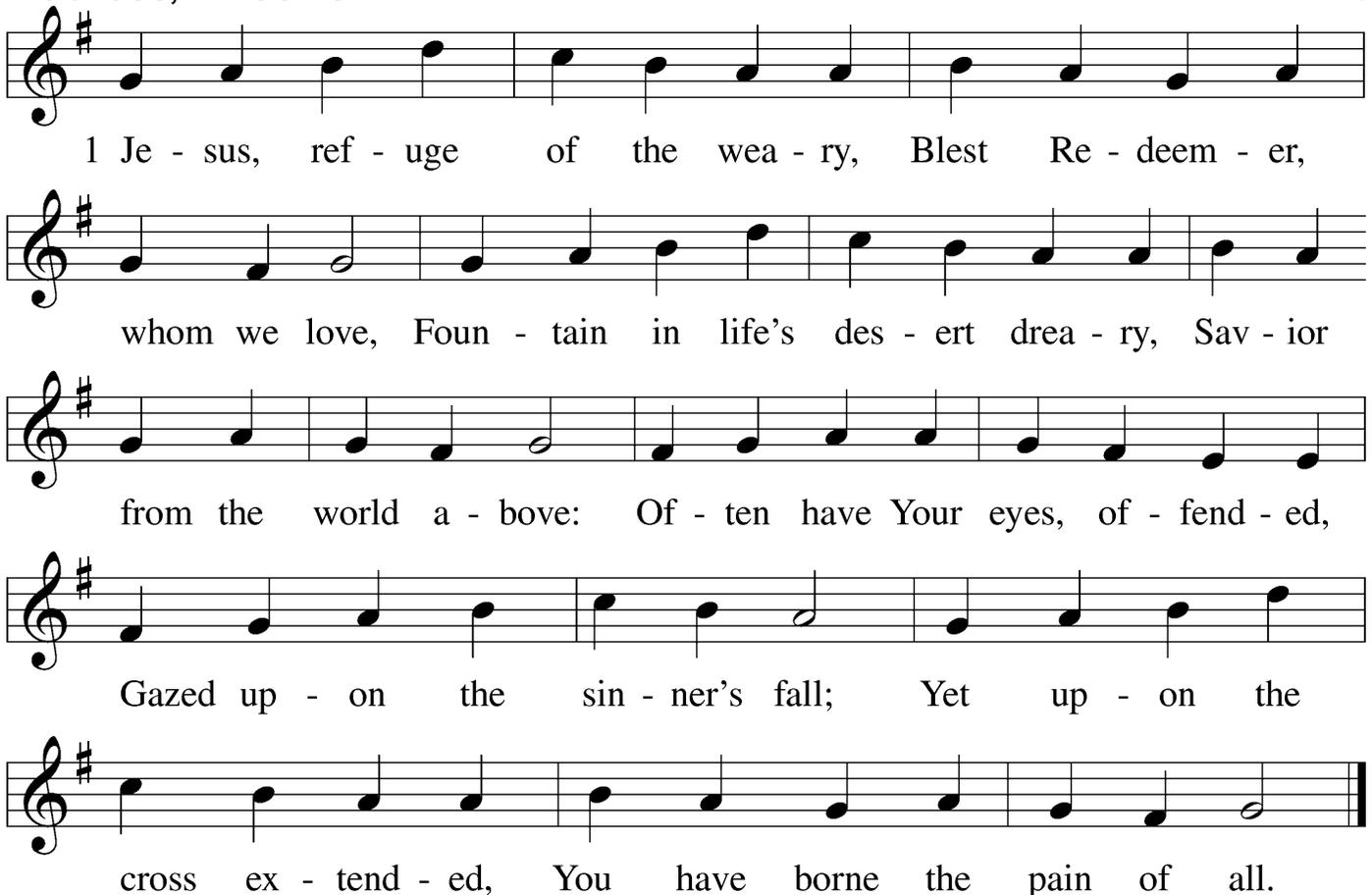
**A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

**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.

## 423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

st. 1



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.

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**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 [*name*], our President; the Congress of the United States; [*name*], 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.**

#### 423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

st. 2



2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.

**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.

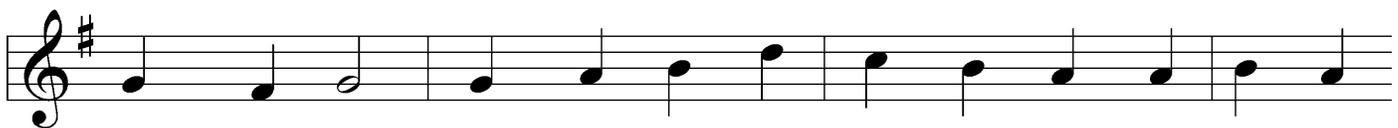
**C** Amen.

### 423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

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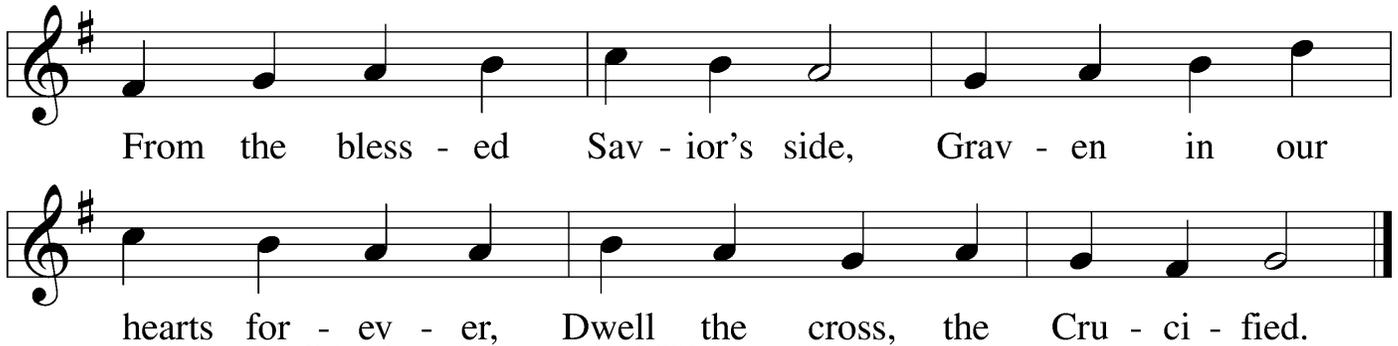
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

### FIRST WORD

*John 19:14–16a; Luke 23:32–34a*

**L** Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 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.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And 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. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

**P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C** **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

**P** God forbid that I should glory

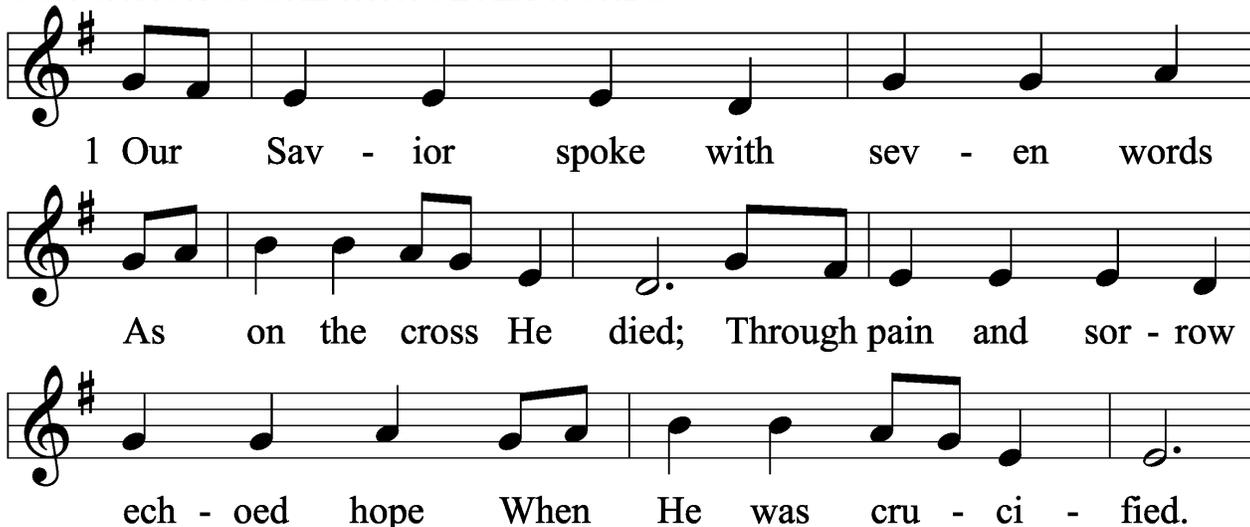
**C** **except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.**

**P** Almighty God, Your dear Son, our Lord, did not go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

*st. 1*



1 Our Sav - ior spoke with sev - en words  
 As on the cross He died; Through pain and sor - row  
 ech - oed hope When He was cru - ci - fied.

The first word His for - give - ness gave  
 To those who did Him ill; And bless - ing like a  
 riv - er flowed From Cal - v'ry's ho - ly hill.

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*(The first candle is extinguished.)*

## SECOND WORD

*Luke 23:35–43*

- L** And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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

- P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**
- P** Surely He has borne out griefs  
**C** **and carried our sorrows.**
- P** Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross, You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy, look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.  
**C** **Amen.**

*(The second candle is extinguished.)*

## THIRD WORD

*John 19:25–27*

- L** Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C** By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

**P** Bind us to one another with bonds of charity and love

**C** that we ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that You have showed to us through Your suffering, pain, and death on the cross.

## OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

st. 2

2 The sec - ond word gave heav - en's hope;  
The dy - ing thief found peace— For Je - sus prom - ised  
on this day His joy would nev - er cease.  
To meet His griev - ing moth - er's needs  
His third word did He share And brought a new re -  
la - tion - ship For John and Mar - y there.

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**P** O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*(The third candle is extinguished.)*

## FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45–47

**L** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And 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?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

**P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C** **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world**

**P** Keep us mindful of Your abiding presence with us

**C** **that our witness to the love You have shown us may never falter or fail.**

**P** Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace. Cleanse us from all our sins, that we may serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*(The fourth candle is extinguished.)*

## FIFTH WORD

Matthew 10:38–42, John 19:28–29

**L** [Jesus said to His disciples,] “Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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

**P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C** **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**

**P** Grant us peace and patience under all trials.

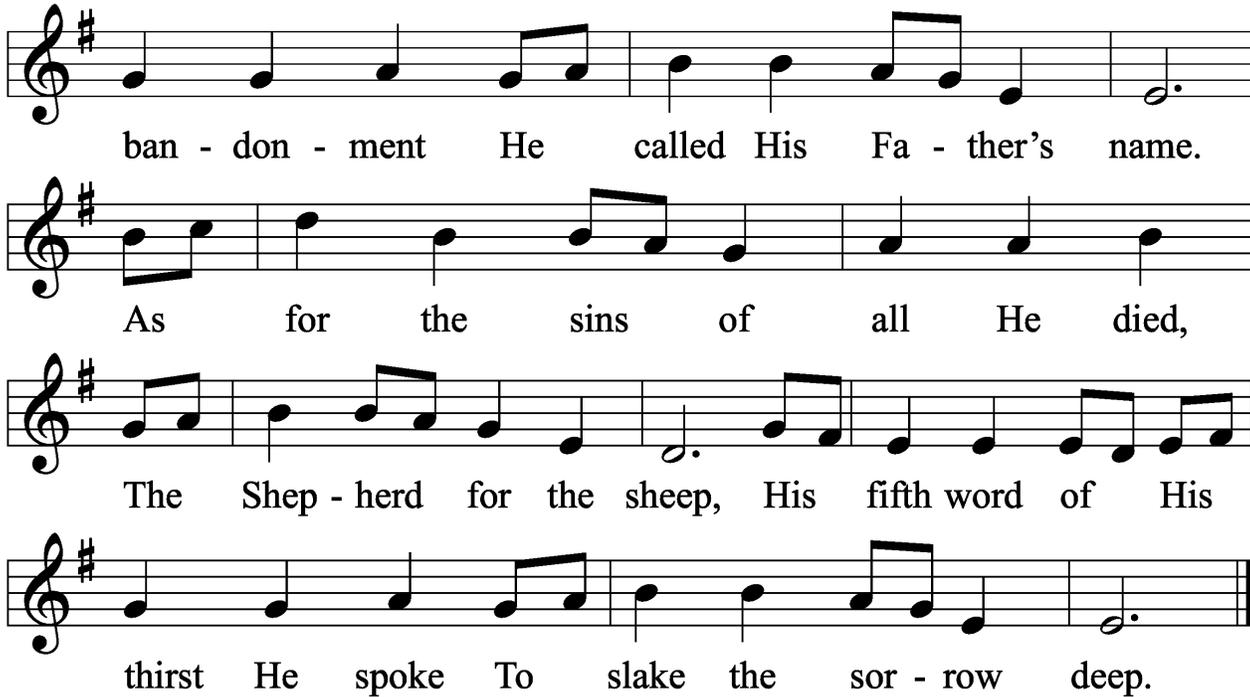
**C** **Keep us mindful of the great sacrifice You willingly made for us to pay the price of our sins.**

## OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

st. 3

3 The fourth word from Christ's lone - li - ness

And des - o - la - tion came As sink - ing in a -



ban - don - ment He called His Fa - ther's name.  
 As for the sins of all He died,  
 The Shep - herd for the sheep, His fifth word of His  
 thirst He spoke To slake the sor - row deep.

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- P** O God, for our redemption, You gave Your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection, You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*(The fifth candle is extinguished.)*

## SIXTH WORD

*Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, 27–28; John 19:30a*

- L** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished.”

- P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.
- C** **By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.**
- P** Help us begin all our works of charity and love in Your name
- C** **and find Your blessing in their completion to Your glory.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in Your name. In Your great love, You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all You intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share in Your eternal presence in the world to come.

**C** Amen.

*(The sixth candle is extinguished.)*

## SEVENTH WORD

*Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:54*

**L** It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” And having said this He breathed his last.

*Pause for meditation.*

**L** When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

**P** We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**C** By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

**P** Preserve and defend us, gracious Lord,

**C** so that when our last hour comes, we may know Your abiding care.

## OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

st. 4

4 The sixth word spoke of vic - to - ry—  
His hours of pas - sion done; His fin - ished work to  
God He gave As ev - er - faith - ful Son.  
And with His la - bor at its end  
His last word came as prayer Com - mit - ting all He

did and was To God's un - end - ing care.

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**P** Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

### OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

st. 5

5 Our Sav - ior spoke with sev - en words

As on the cross He died; Through pain and sor - row

ech - oed hope When He was cru - ci - fied.

In gar - den tomb His bod - y lay

A - wait - ing Eas - ter day; With res - ur - rec - tion

hope may we Yet fol - low in His way.

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### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 final candle is taken out of the sanctuary as the lights are completely turned off. After a brief time, a loud noise (strepitus) symbolizes the closing of the tomb, the earthquake at the time of Christ's death, and the "closing of the book" on Jesus' sacrifice. After the loud noise, the candle is returned to its place at the altar, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.)*

*(The congregation leaves the church in silence.)*

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