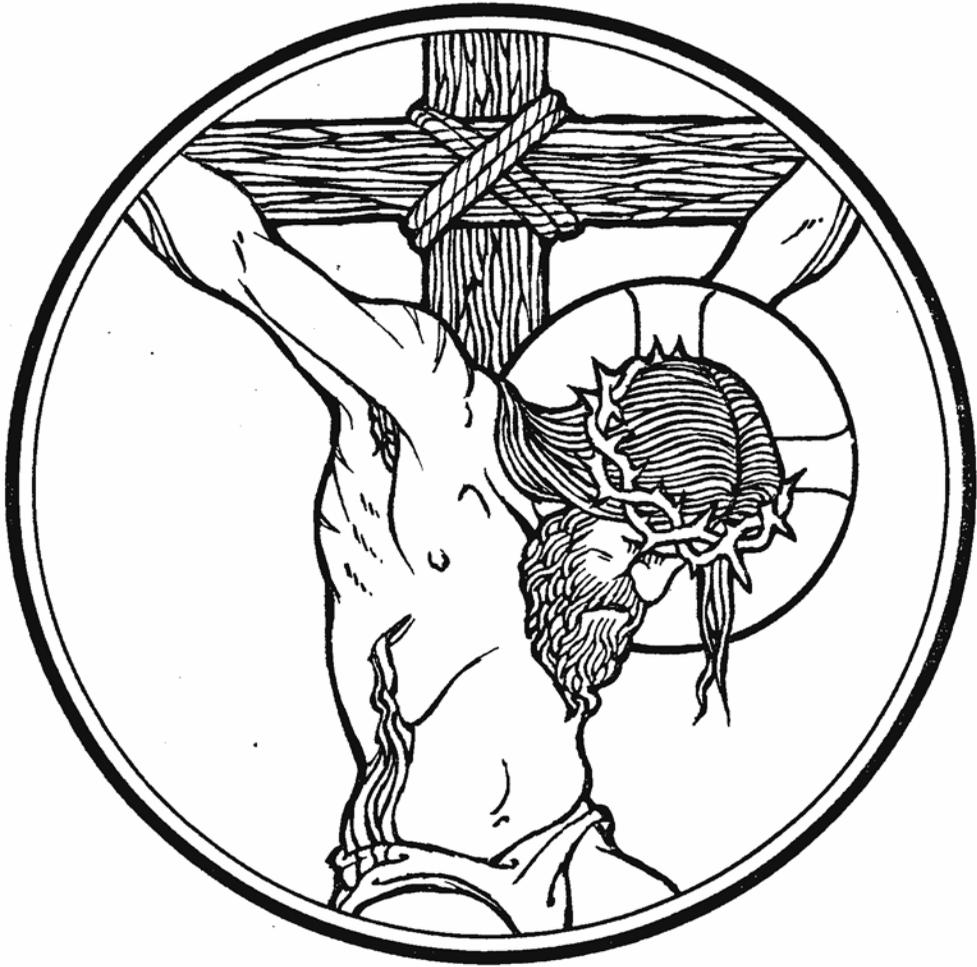


# GOOD FRIDAY



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## GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Vespers

7:00 PM

Friday, April 10, 2020

*All enter the church in silence.*

*Stand*

### The OPENING VERSICLES

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

### The PSALMODY

Psalm 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>*Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?*

<sup>2</sup>**The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,**

<sup>3</sup>*“Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
and cast away their | cords from us.”*

**<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**

*<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,*

**<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”**

*<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree.\*  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.*

**<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

*<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”*

**<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

*<sup>11</sup>Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling.*

**<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

*Sit*

# The HYMN

## LSB 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

sts. 1-3, 7



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
 7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
 How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

## The PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- ▣ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, beginning in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### The READING

St. John 18:1–14

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

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

## The HYMN

## LSB 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 1, 3-4



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
her - it, This I do mer - it.  
owe Him, Who would not know Him.

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*A candle is extinguished.*

## The READING

St. John 18:15-27

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

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and

in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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

## The HYMN

## LSB 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

sts. 1, 4-5



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
 That He His foes From thence might free.

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*A second candle is extinguished.*

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

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

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

# The HYMN

## LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

sts. 1-2



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."

*A third candle is extinguished.*

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

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." 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. 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.

So they took Jesus,

## The HYMN

## LSB 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com-plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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*A fourth candle is extinguished.*

*Stand*

## The READING

St. John 19:17-24

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

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, 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,

## The HYMN

LSB 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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*A fifth candle is extinguished.*

*Sit*

## The READING

St. John 19:25-30

but 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.

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

## The HYMN

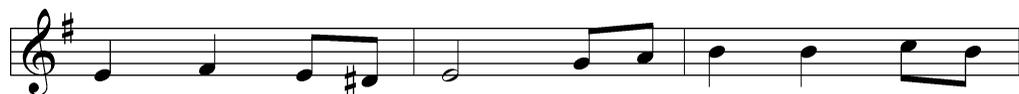
LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



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



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



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



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



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

*A sixth candle is extinguished.*

## The READING

St. John 19:31–37

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

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## The HYMN

## LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended

sts. 1, 3-5



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free.

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## The RESPONSORY

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

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

The OFFICE HYMN

LSB 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | <p>If my sins give me alarm<br/>         And my conscience grieve me,<br/>         Let Your cross my fear disarm;<br/>         Peace of conscience give me.<br/>         Help me see forgiveness won<br/>         By Your holy passion.<br/>         If for me He slays His Son,<br/>         God must have compassion!</p> | 6 | <p>Graciously my faith renew;<br/>         Help me bear my crosses,<br/>         Learning humbleness from You,<br/>         Peace mid pain and losses.<br/>         May I give You love for love!<br/>         Hear me, O my Savior,<br/>         That I may in heav'n above<br/>         Sing Your praise forever.</p> |
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## The SERMON

### The MAGNIFICAT

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty  
away.  
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to  
our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

### The KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Christ, have mercy.  
**C** Christ, have mercy.
- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

### The LORD'S PRAYER

#### The COLLECT

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

## The COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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 COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*A seventh candle is extinguished. A loud noise sounds.  
All leave in silence.*

### SERVING TODAY

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRIDUUM . . . the holy three days of Christ's Passover begins on Holy (Maundy) Thursday on the eve of our Lord's Crucifixion. The service on Holy Thursday culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into his sacrifice on our behalf. On this day we remember Christ's sacrificial service demonstrated in his washing of the disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the cross, whose benefits are bestowed in his means of grace. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to his people through the Sacrament of the Altar. The depth of Christ's servanthood is also demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY . . . is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with its character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced, and elaborate words of praise are omitted. Because this service is part of the Triduum, the three holy days, it has neither an entrance rite nor benediction. The concluding hymn ensures that the final note of the service is one of triumph, for God's faithful know the end of the story.

THE VIGIL OF EASTER . . . which is celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday as the conclusion to the sacred Triduum, ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. To hold vigil means to "keep watch." In some places in the early centuries of the church's life, a vigil in expectation of Christ's return at Easter became a common feature of the celebration of his Crucifixion and Resurrection. It was also a common time for individuals to be baptized. Because the Vigil of Easter marks the final day in the sacred Triduum, the service ends with the Benediction (which has not been heard since the Triduum was begun) and the Easter acclamation: Christ is Risen!

## A PRAYER FOR IMMANUEL

*My dear Lord Jesus, I want to know You as Savior and Friend, Help me to grow into a mature disciple so that I can demonstrate God's love and forgiveness in all I do. Teach me to share my faith in You and to serve others in my vocation. Make Immanuel Lutheran Church a place where lost and hurting people find friendship, forgiveness, and faith, and where Christians gather to serve You in love for one another, for the community, and for the world. Amen.*

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