

Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 2020

It is
finished.



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Today we behold God's Son--stricken by God, smitten and afflicted for our sins. We know that our guilt has done this to him. But the crucifixion is no defeat. By it the Father glorifies himself and his Son. He reconciles us to himself. Our King has triumphed over death. We hear in our Lord's words from the cross tonight our salvation fulfilled.

Pre-Service Meditation

Read through Hymn 137

Oh, darkest woe! O tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son Now is buried yonder.

Oh, sorrow dread! God's Son is dead!
But by his expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross Gained for us salvation.

Lo, stained with blood, The Lamb of God,
The Bridegroom, lies before you,
Pouring out his life that he May to life restore you.

How blest shall be Eternally
Who oft in faith will ponder
Why the glorious Prince of life Should be buried yonder.

O Jesus blest, My Help and Rest,
With tears I now entreat you:
Make me love you to the last Till in heav'n I greet you.

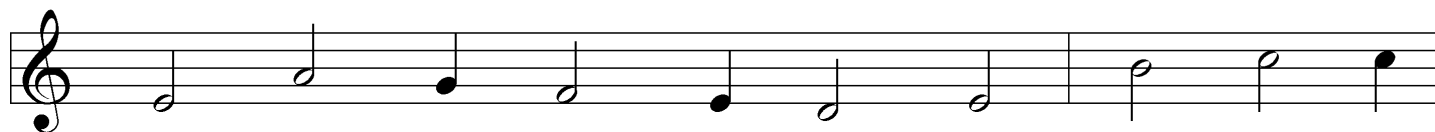
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tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3-5, alt.; composite, st. 2.

Darkness descended on the world that day as the world was draped in the darkness of mourning. Who could ever call this day "good?"

Only those who know the truth of the cross:

**"Sing my tongue the glorious battle; sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day."**

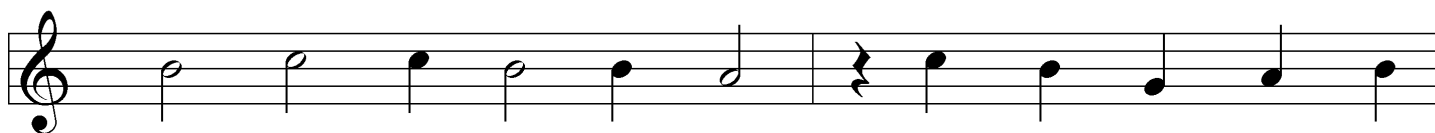
Opening Hymn 105 v1-4 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and
2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your
3 Now from your cheeks has van - ished Their col - or,
4 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have



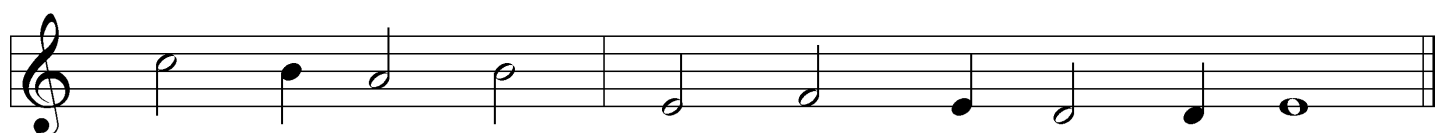
shame weighed down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed,
coun - te - nance, Though might - y worlds shall fear you
once so fair; From your red lips is ban - ished
borne for me, For it was my trans-gres - sion,



With thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
And flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with
The splen - dor that was there. Grim death with cru - el
My shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -



glo - ry Now from your face does shine; Yet, though de -
an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with
rig - or Has robbed you of your life; Thus you have
fore you; Wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy,



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
pain now lan - guish That once were bright as morn!
lost your vig - or, Your strength, in this sad strife.
I im-plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.



⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

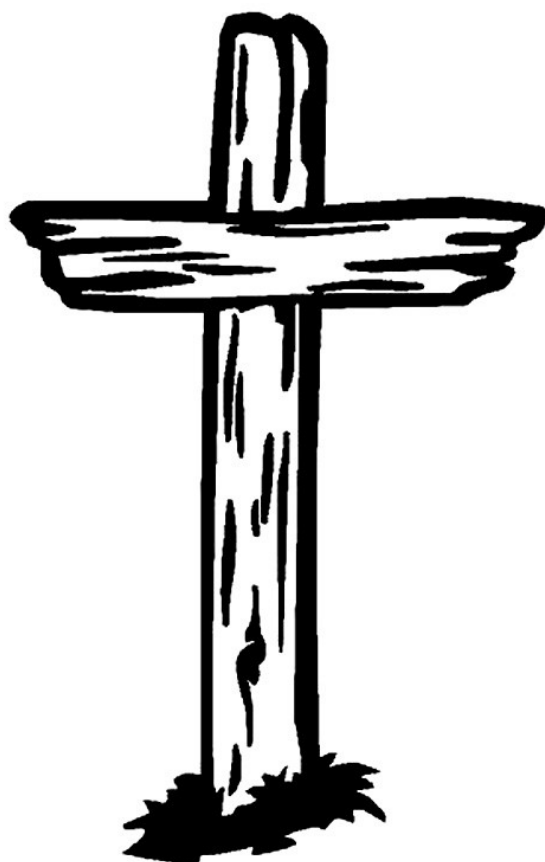
¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (NIV)

Prayer

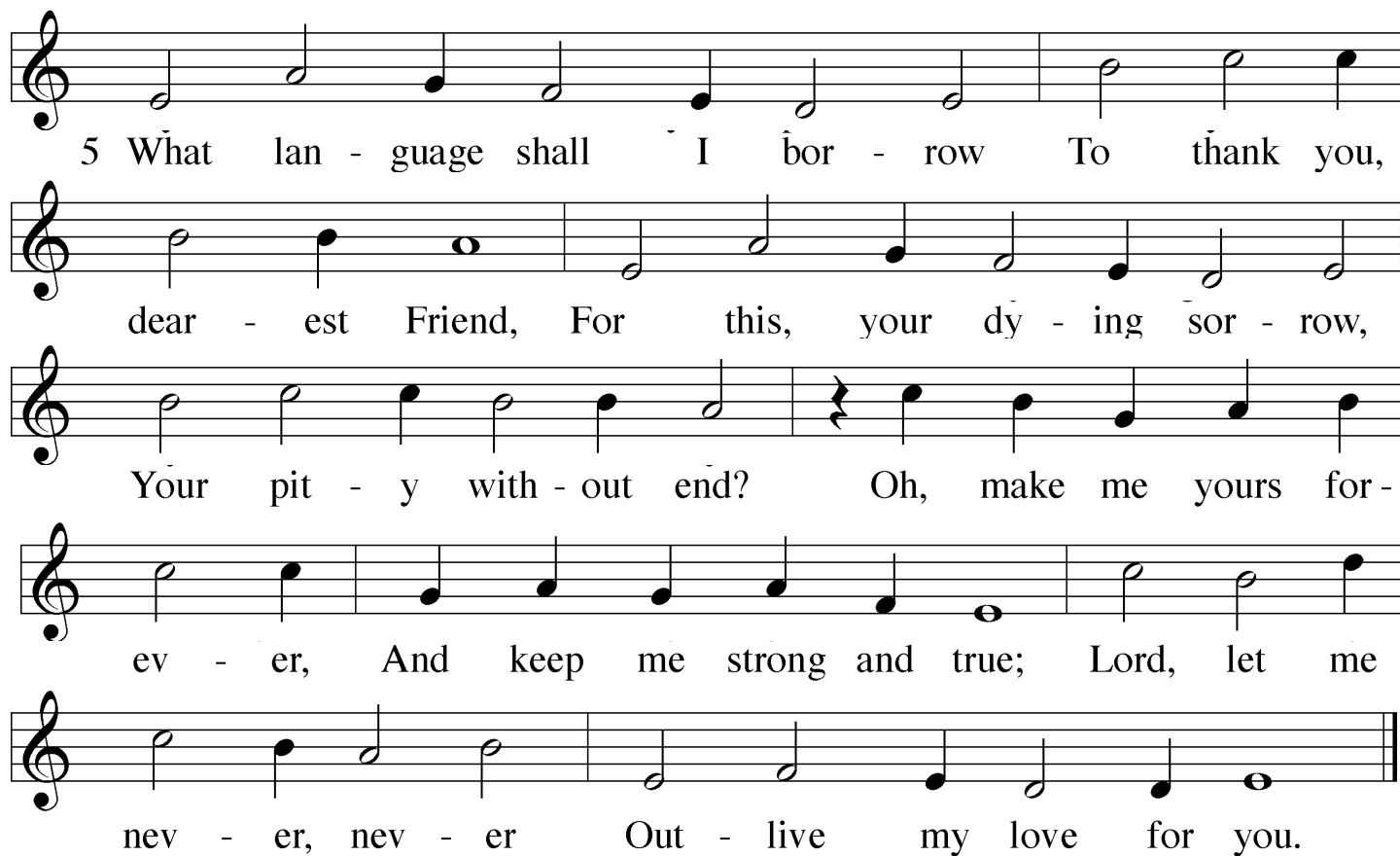
Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

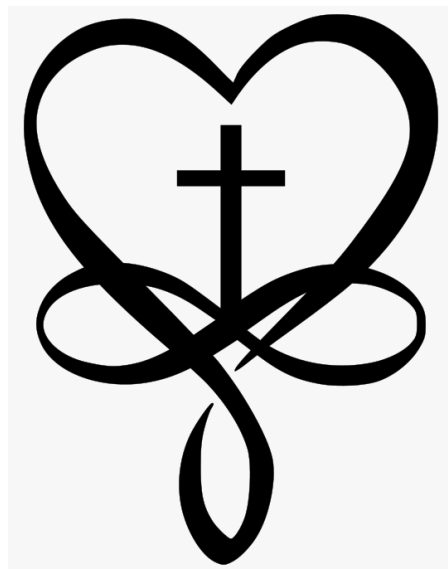


Hymn 105 v5-7 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



6 My Savior, then be near me
When death is at my door,
And let your presence cheer me;
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away my anguish
By virtue of your own!

7 Lord, be my consolation,
My shield when I must die;
Remind me of your passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you,
Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you—
Who dies in faith dies well!

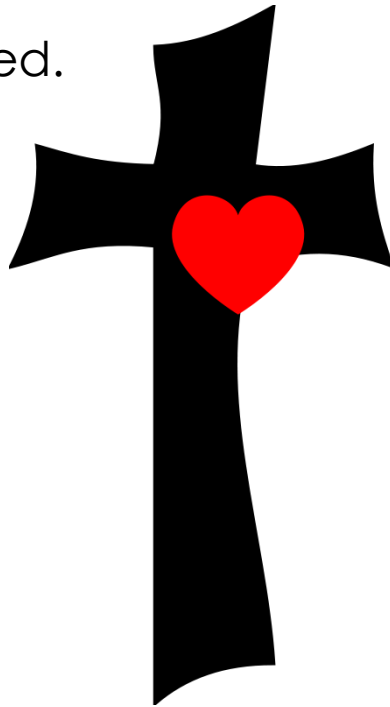


The First Word

Luke 23:34 *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.



Hymn 138 v1-3

Oh Perfect Life of Love

1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is
2 No work is left un - done Of all the
3 No pain that we can share But he has

fin - ished now, All that he left his
Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,
felt its smart; All forms of hu - man

throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.

The Second Word

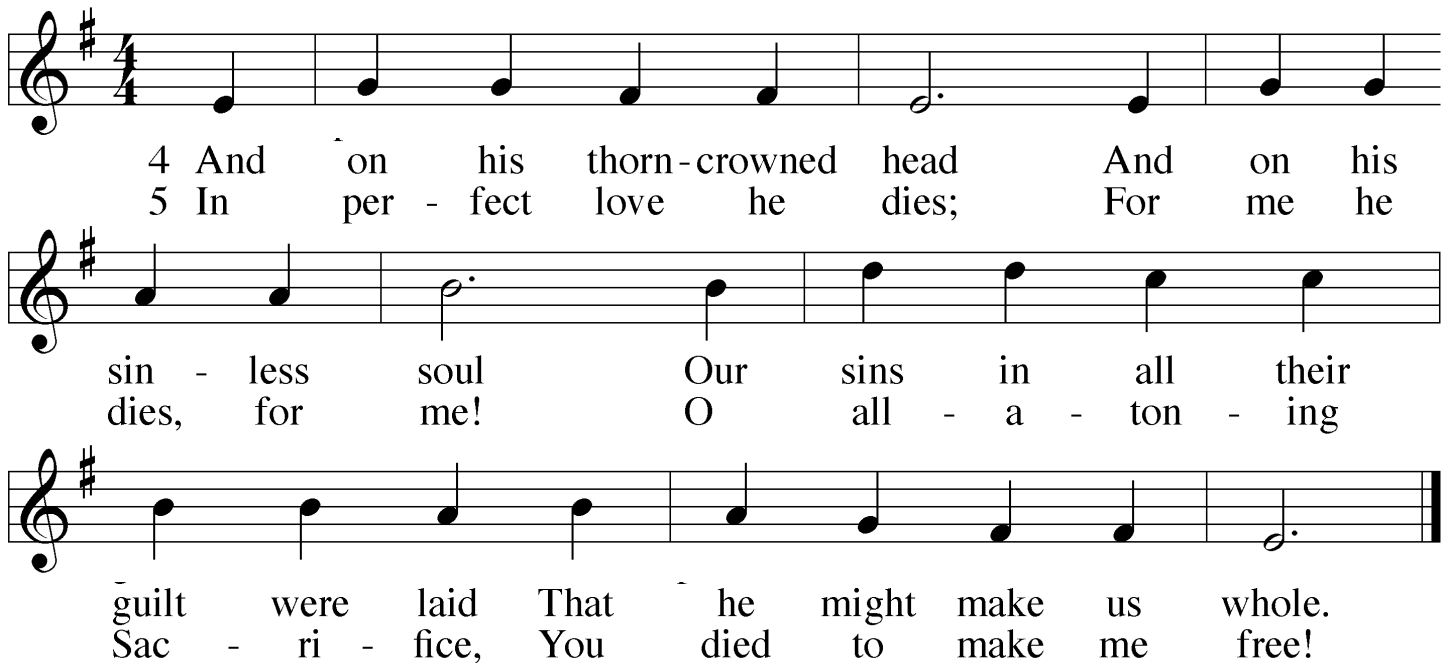
Luke 23:43 *"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn 138 v5-6

Oh Perfect Life of Love



4 And on his thorn-crowned head And on his;
5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he
sin - less soul Our sins in all their
dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing
guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
Sac - ri - fice, You died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Your merits, not my own.

The Third Word

John 19:26 "Woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother."

Silence for meditation.

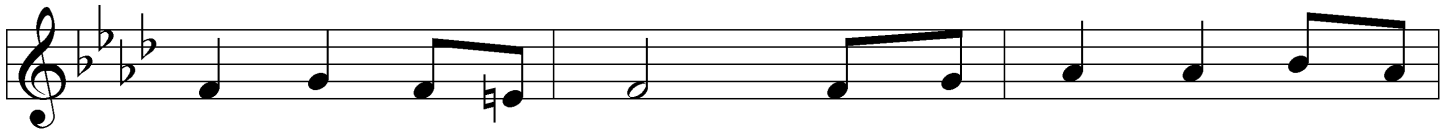
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Hymn 127 v1-2

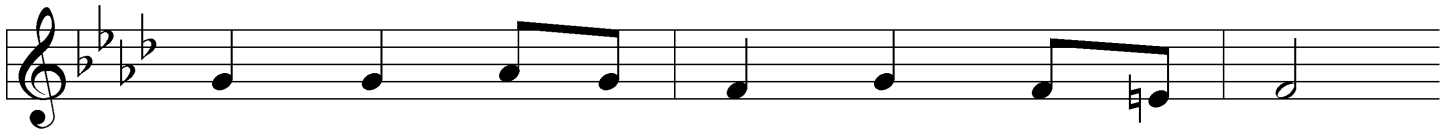
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



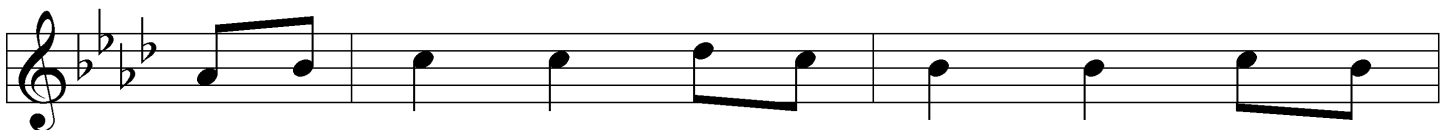
1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there



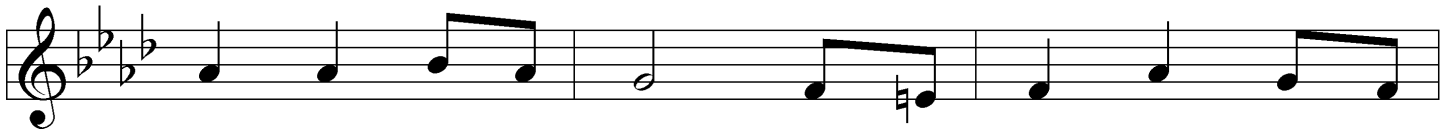
dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -



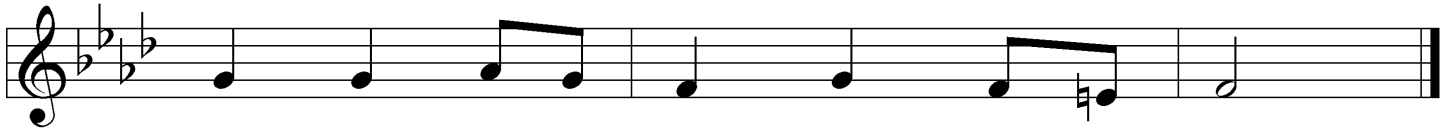
ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
in - ter - vene to save. But the deep - est stroke that



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
pierced him Was the stroke and Jus - tice gave.

The Fourth Word

Matthew 27:46 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Silence for meditation.

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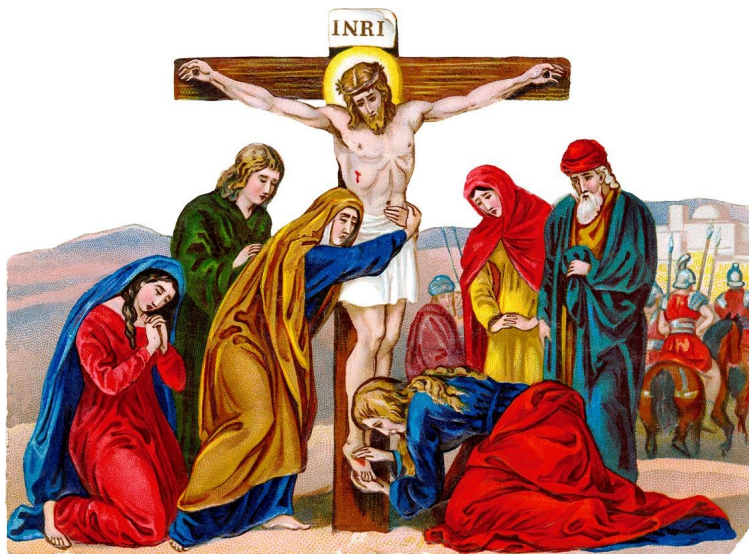
Hymn125 v1-2 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
All the vain things that charm me most,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.



The Fifth Word

John 19:28 *"I am thirsty."*

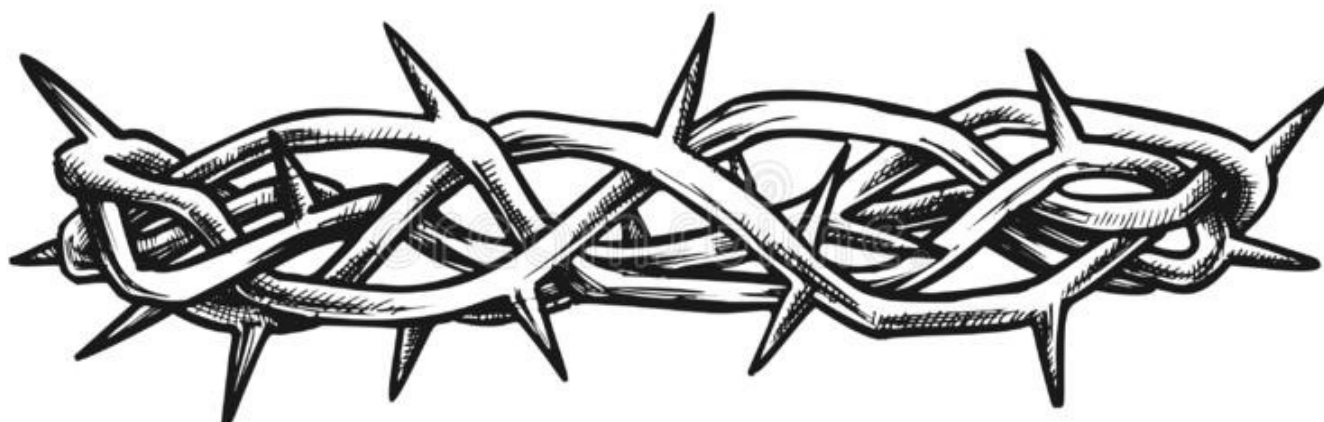
Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn 125 v3-4

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
Sor - row and a love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, so my life, a my all.



The Sixth Word

John 19:30 *"It is finished."*

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn 128 v1-3

Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
3 In faith I place my hand On that dear

al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I

peace Or wash a - way the stain.
name And rich - er on blood than they.
stand And lay on him my sin.



The Seventh Word

Luke 23:46 "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn128 v4-5 *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the
you did bear; When hang - ing on the curs - ed
curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful
tree - voice I know my guilt was there!
And sing his bleed - ing love.



Offering

During this time of not meeting together physically, you can mail your offering to the church address or call Pastor to drop it off at church.

Bidding Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to the Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us. Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial. Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

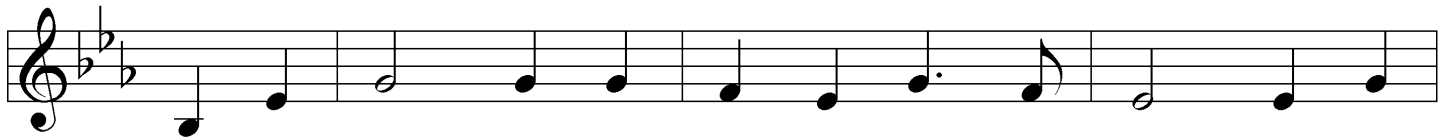
Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

A single lighted candle is returned to the chancel.

Closing Hymn 119 *Were You There?*



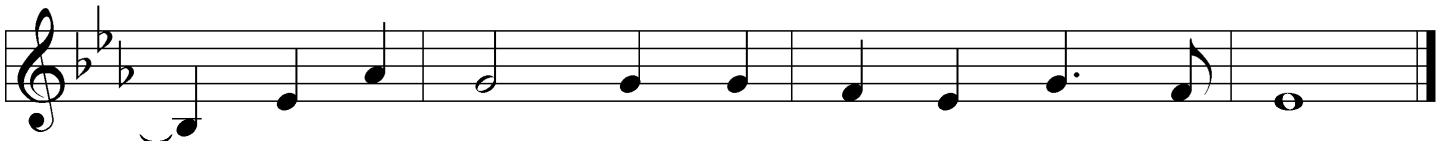
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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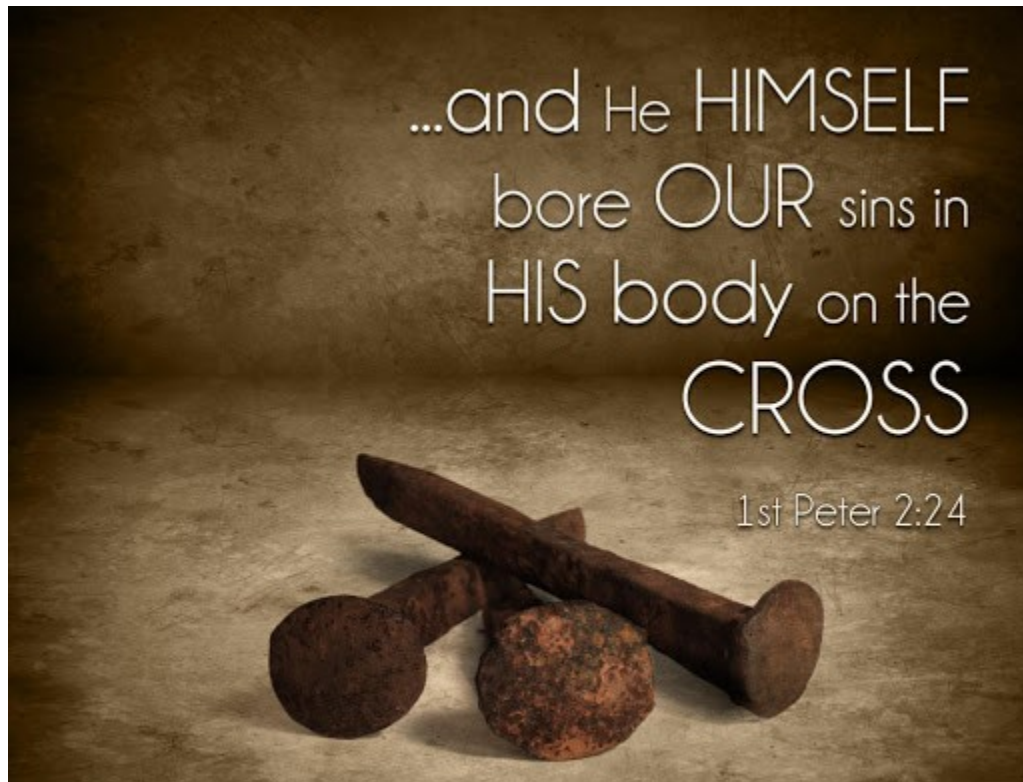
*To impress the solemnity of this special day on your hearts
and minds please leave this service in silence,
as if in mourning for your dear Friend who died for you.*

**During these unprecedented times,
please call the church office at 920-787-3856
or email at peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com
with concerns, questions, and prayer requests.**

**We may not be physically in the office every day,
but we are still here for each of you.**

**Visit our website at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org or visit
our Facebook page for updates and other information.**

**Things are changing at a very rapid pace and we will do our
best to keep everyone informed of any changes to our
cancellations.**



Together at the Tomb

Sunday, April 12 6 pm

<https://livestream.com/wslive/togetherattheemptytomb>

Not to replace your Easter morning worship, but to supplement it, we will be offering an opportunity for our entire synod to gather online for a special Easter Sunday evening service to be broadcast from our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at 6 p.m. We will gather as one family of believers, from across the country and around the world, not only to celebrate our Savior's Easter victory but also to express our unity of faith and mission as members of the Wisconsin Synod. The theme of the service will be, *"Together at the Empty Tomb."* Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary President Earle Treptow will deliver the Easter message. A small choir, along with a few instruments, will enhance the worship with music and songs of praise.

Immediately following the worship service, President Treptow and Pastor Hein will be available for a live Question & Answer session.

