

# Saint Paul Lutheran Church



Having loved us  
who are in the  
world...

He loves us to the  
end.

Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, March 28, 2024

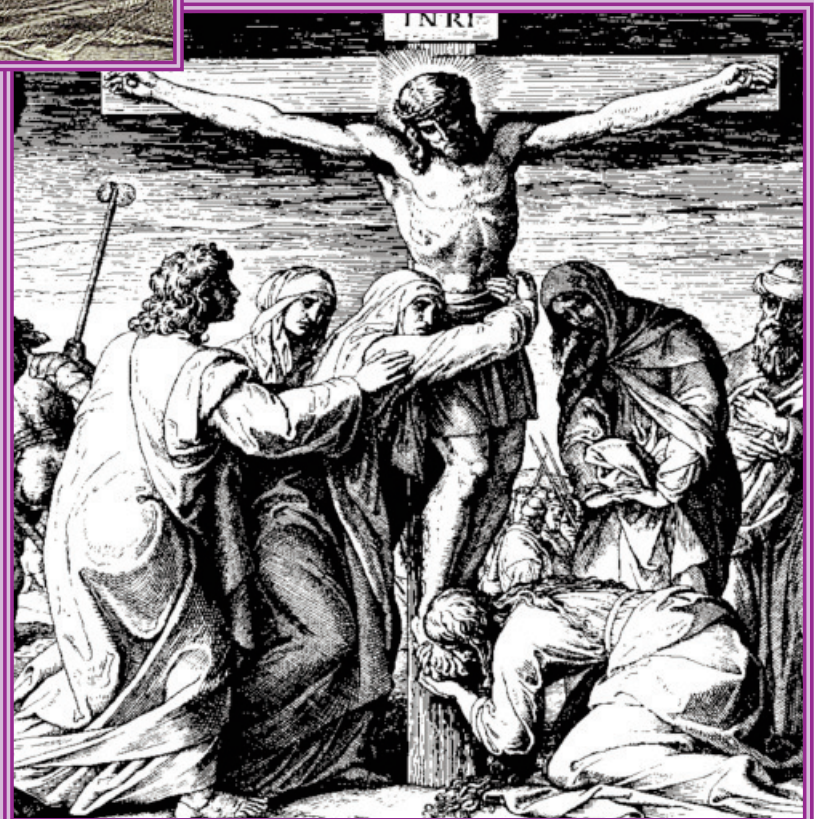
Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

222 N. George Street  
Millersville, PA

Rev. Mark S. Kopp

*LBW Setting: 2 Lectionary Year: B  
both services: 7:00 PM*






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Sunday morning worship time: 9:00 AM  
The Rev. Mark S. Kopp, Pastor



**WE WELCOME** all who are visiting with us these Holy Three Days. We are glad to have you with us this blessed Eastertide, and do hope our worship together will sustain and strengthen you throughout the remainder of the week. We invite you to worship with us each Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 am. We invite you to participate here at St. Paul's during **The Paschal Triduum beginning Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, and the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday Morning March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.** We will be participating with the Easter Vigil at Grace Lutheran Church, at the corners of Queen and James Streets in Lancaster, please come and join us. The Vigil will begin at 6:00 pm.



*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

*Psalm 90:14*

# Maundy Thursday

## Gathering

*The Easter Triduum is the three day celebration for which Lent prepares us. From Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday, the mood of repentance gives way to anticipation of the Risen Lord, the culmination of the entire liturgical year. These days are more than a memory of three consecutive events in Jesus' history. They are our participation in Christ's "Passover" from death into life and our "Exodus" out of sin into freedom in the kingdom of God.*

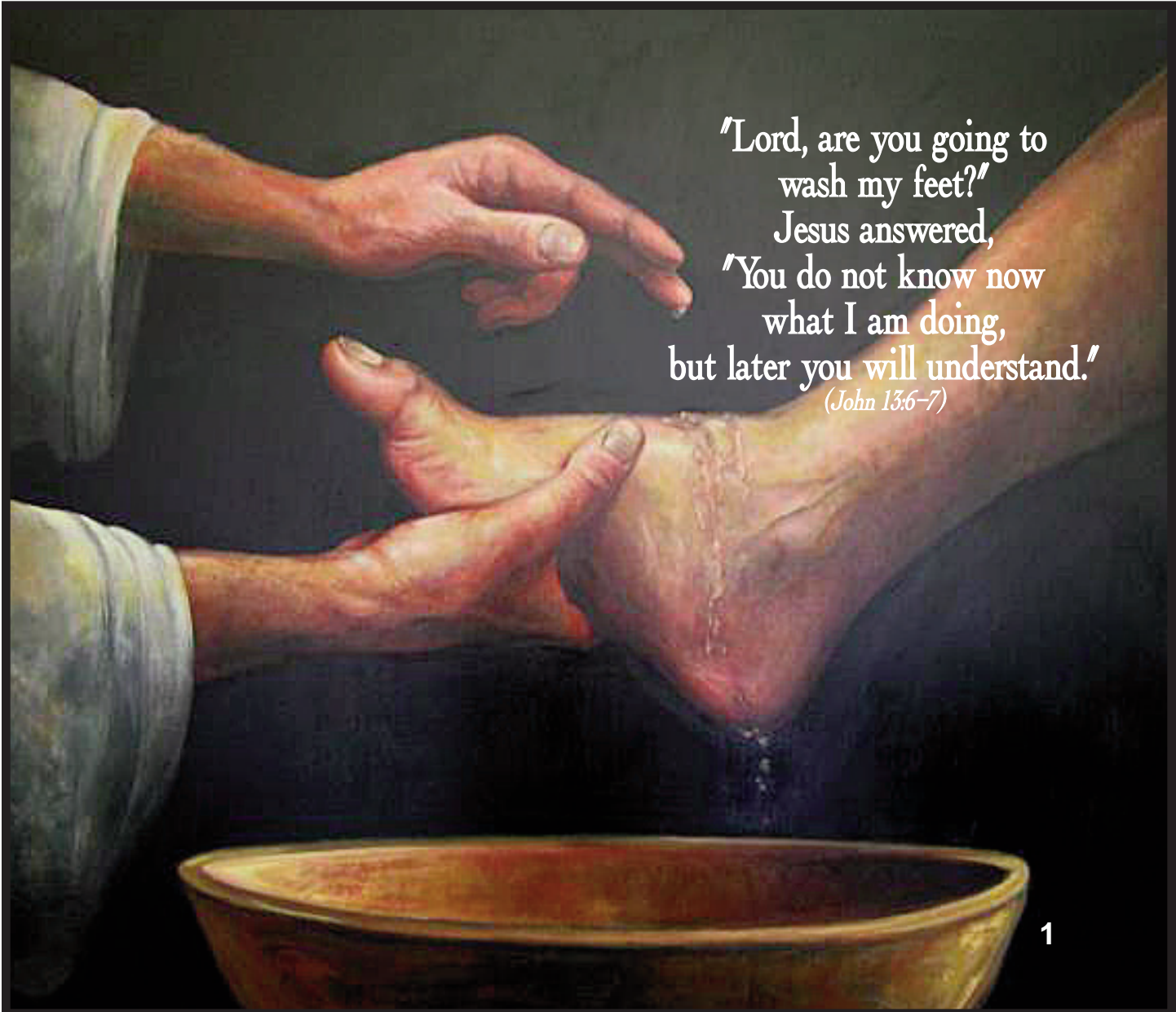
*Congregational responses are in **bold** and \* denotes standing.*

*The congregation gathers in silence for reflection and meditation before the service.  
Our worship begins this night with our choir anthem, please remain silent during this time.*

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Humble Cross"

Music by Joel Raney Words by John Parker



"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"  
Jesus answered,  
"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."  
(John 13:6-7)



\**GATHERING PSALM 51:1-2, 11-13* *spoken in unison.*

**Have mercy on me O God,  
according to your lovingkindness;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through  
from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and  
take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again,  
and sustain me with your bountiful  
spirit.**

\* *GLORIA PATRI*

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

**C:** **Amen**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*First Reading Exodus 12:1-14*

**A:** A Reading from Exodus:

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**A:** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

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

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the  
 voice of my | supplication,\*  
 because he has inclined his ear to me  
 whenever I | called upon him.  
<sup>9</sup> **I believed, even when I said,**  
**"I have been brought | very low."\***  
**In my distress I said,**  
**"No one | can be trusted."**  
<sup>10</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD\*  
 for all the good things  
 he has | done for me?  
<sup>11</sup> **I will lift up the cup | of salvation\***  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\*  
 in the presence of | all his people.  
<sup>13</sup> **Precious in the sight | of the LORD\***  
**is the death | of his servants.**  
<sup>14</sup> O LORD, I | am your servant;\*  
 I am your servant  
 and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me | from my bonds.  
<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving\***  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**  
<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\*  
 in the presence of | all his people,  
<sup>17</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,\***  
**in the midst of you, O Jer- | usalem.**

*Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

A: A reading from First Corinthians:

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

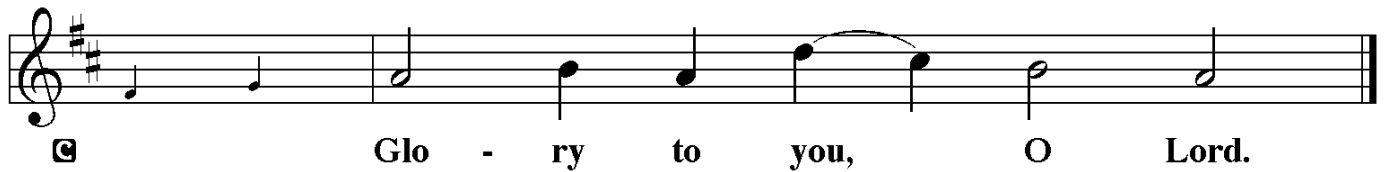
A: Holy wisdom, holy word

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\**VERSE*

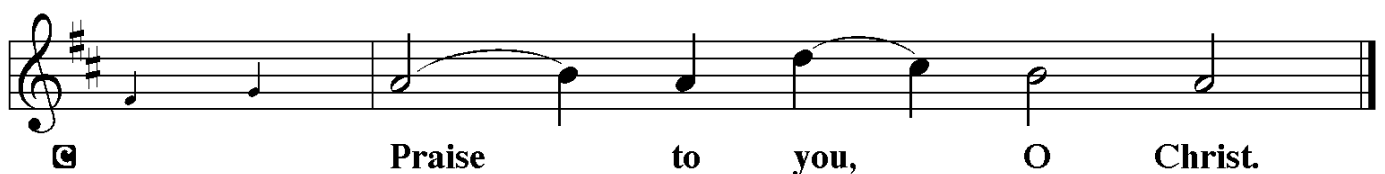
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. *John 13:1-17, 31-35*



Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord -- and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord



SERMON  
MUSICAL OFFERING

*BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:*

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.


*Silence for reflection and meditation*

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and earth, that I have sinned by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me you Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

\*P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die and rise again for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and makes us a holy people to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE:*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and the assembly greet one another saying:*

**Peace be with you.**

## FOOT WASHING

*At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we live out our Baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another. As this humble act of footwashing takes place, all are invited to participate by coming forward to wash each other's feet in the chair provided at the front of the sanctuary.*

**P:** We gather with Christians around the world this night to hear once again our Lord's commandment to love one another as he loved us and to begin our participation and celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing or reenactment of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life.

The washing of one another's feet, following the example of Jesus when he washed the feet of his disciples, is a symbol of our need for renewed cleansing and forgiveness, made possible by the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this humble act may we see the majesty of God, who always stoops to lift our burdens and cleanse our sins, empowering us to live freely. Through washing another's feet, we also commit ourselves to lives of service, in the spirit of Christ, who took on human form, humbling himself in cross-bearing service to others. By kneeling and washing, we express the love which serves human needs, both within our fellowship and outside this place.

I invite you to come forward to participate in this blessed act of humility.

*Musical Offering during foot washing*

*The participant says to each person whose feet are washed:*

**P:** May your love O Lord, consecrate this humble act.

**R:** **Amen**



*When all the footwashing is completed, the Presiding Minister addresses the congregation:*

**P:** Jesus says, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." *(John 13:14-15)*

**C:** **Your love O Lord, humbly serves, let us now go and do the same.**

**P:** Let us pray:

Blessed are you, Lord God. The basin and the towel are signs to us of your Son's servanthood. You have made us partakers of Christ and of one another.

As we go forth, give us grace to count others more important than ourselves, to love our enemies, to make peace.

Send the Spirit of truth to keep alive in us what Jesus taught and did, that our words may carry his good news, and that our lives may bear the shape of the cross of the One who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

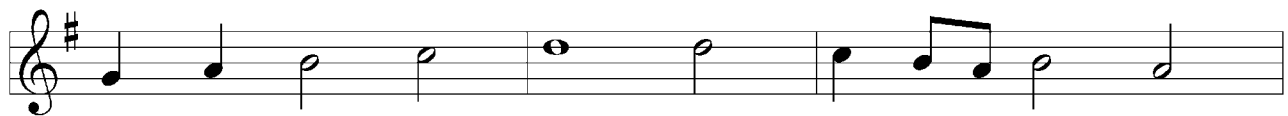
**C:** **Amen.**

*\*HYMN OF THE DAY*

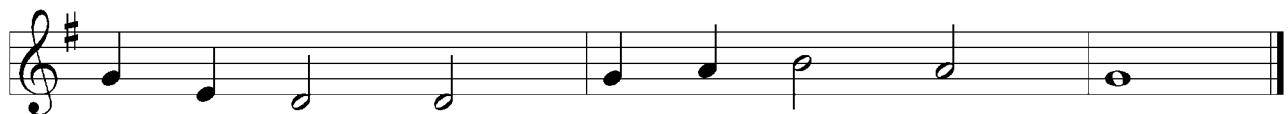
## Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -  
knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,  
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, c. 1902, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

*\*APOSTLES' CREED*

A: We Confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*PRAYER OF INTERCESSION. After each petition:*

P: Lord in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

*OFFERING*

*\*OFFERTORY:*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ,  
your beloved Son,  
whom you sent  
in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us  
and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word,  
inseparable from you.  
Through him you created all things,  
and in him you take delight.  
He is your Word,  
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our  
nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit  
and of the virgin Mary.  
It is he, our Lord Jesus,  
who fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands  
    in suffering  
in order to free from suffering  
    those who trust you.  
It is he who, handed over to a death  
    he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death,  
to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot,  
to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant,  
and to show forth the resurrection,

taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body,  
broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup,  
gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then,  
his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks  
that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and  
to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit  
    upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one  
    all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
    to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you  
through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church  
both now and forever.

C **Amen**



*\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

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.**

*\*FRACTION - Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion*

P: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the saving death of the Lord, until he comes in glory

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*\*Agnus Dei:*



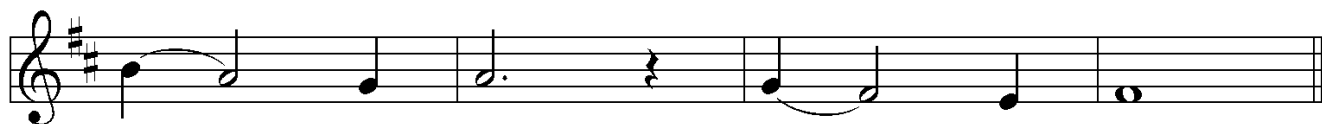
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### ***Distribution of Holy Communion***

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Lutherans believe Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. For this our response when receiving His presence is “AMEN” and not “THANK YOU” because this Holy Meal is instituted and comes from God and not those serving it to you. Any one who does not yet receive Holy Communion is welcome to come forward to the altar rail for a blessing. Communion cups are available at the front of the church on either side of the center aisle.

*after all have communed*

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Stripping of the church*

*As the linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space, Psalm 22 found on the following page, is chanted by the cantor. The lights are dimmed as the worship space is stripped.*



### **Organist**

Bill Napier

### **Lay Assistant**

James Dieroilf

### **Lector**

Linda Hiney

### **Altar Guild**

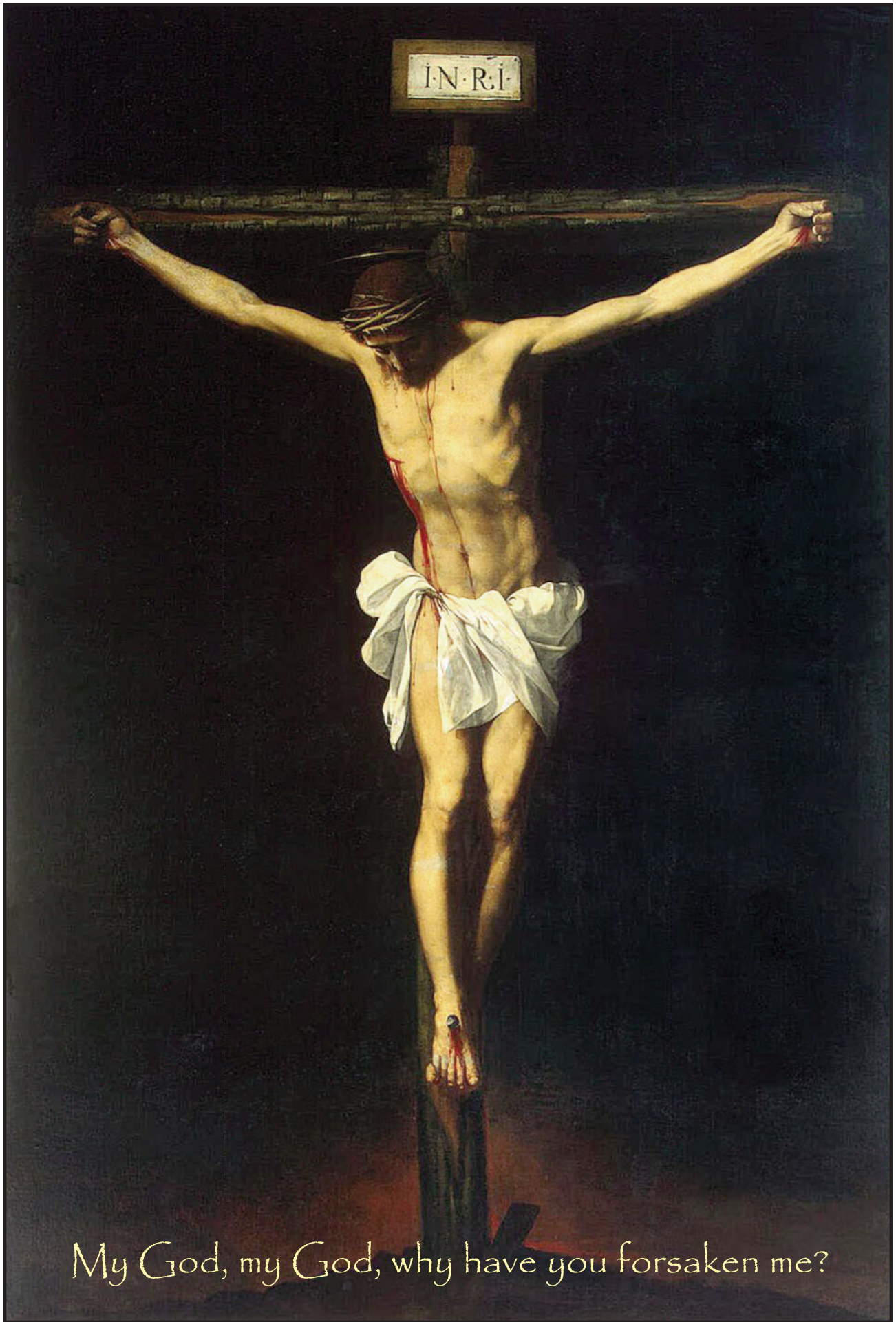
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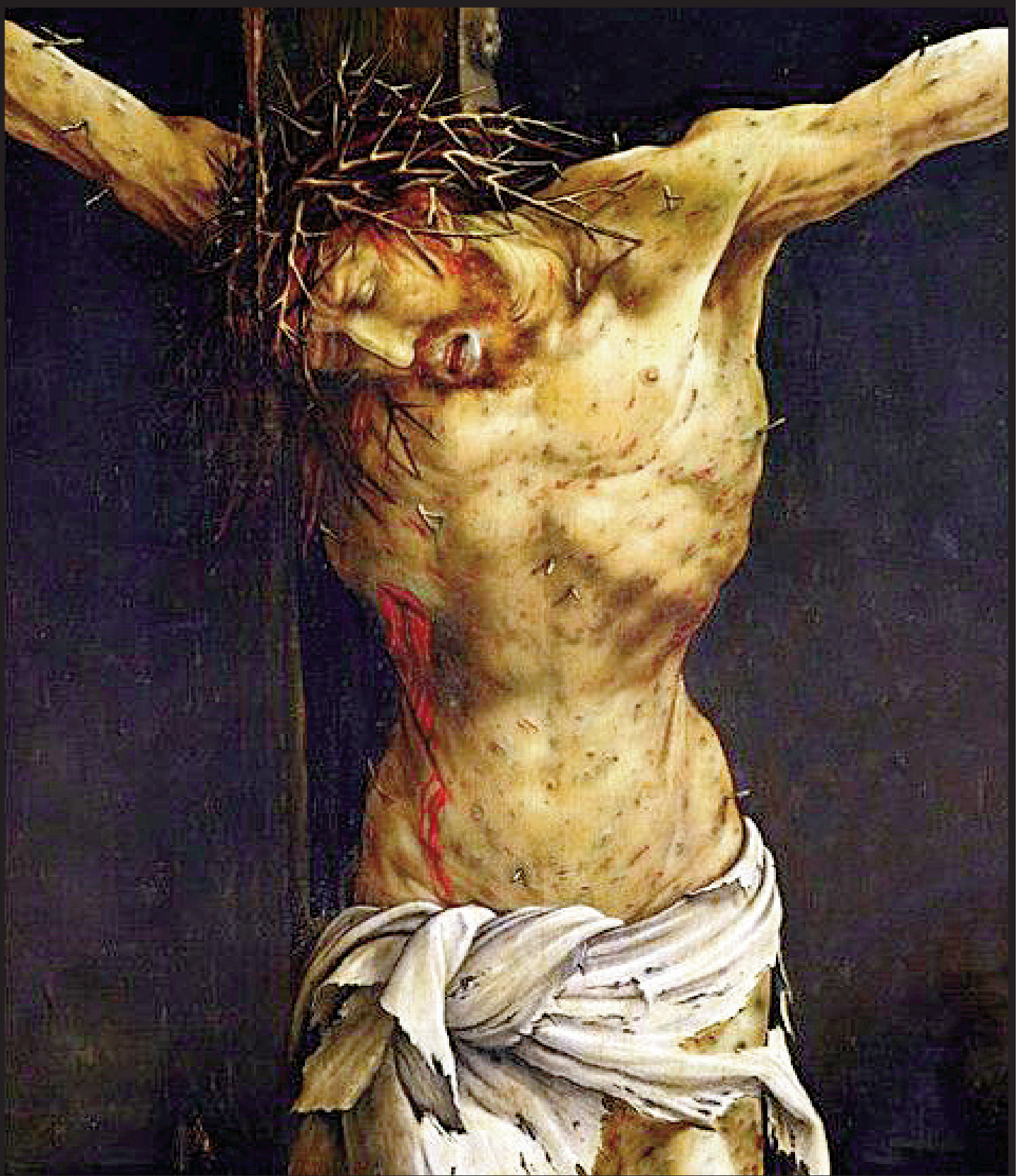
# Psalm 22

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me\*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the  
words of | my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not  
answer;\*by night as well, but I | find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the | Holy One,\*  
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> Our forefathers put their | trust in you;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and | were delivered;\*  
they trusted in you and were not | put to  
shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm | and no man,\*  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh | me to scorn;\* they curl their  
lips and wag | their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> “He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him.”
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,\*  
and kept me safe upon my | mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was  
born;\* my God when I was still in my |  
mother’s womb.
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many young bulls en- | circle me;\*  
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup> They open wide their | jaws at me,\*  
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out  
of joint;\*  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue  
sticks to the roof | of my mouth;\*  
and you have laid me in the dust | of the  
grave.
- <sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers  
cir- | cle around me;\*  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can  
count | all my bones.
- <sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat | over me;\*  
they divide my garments among them; they  
cast lots | for my clothing.
- <sup>18</sup> Be not far a- | way, O LORD;\*  
you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.
- <sup>19</sup> Save me | from the sword,\*  
my life from the power | of the dog.
- <sup>20</sup> Save me from the | lion’s mouth,\*  
my wretched body from the horns | of wild  
bulls.
- <sup>21</sup> I will declare your name | to my brethren;\*  
in the midst of the congregation | I will praise  
you.
- <sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;\*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
- <sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
poverty; neither does he hide his | face from  
them;\*  
but when they cry to | him he hears them.
- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the | great assembly;\*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of  
those who | worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who  
seek the | LORD shall praise him:\*  
“May your heart | live forever!”
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn |  
to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall | bow  
before him.
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs | to the LORD;\*  
he rules o- | ver the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down  
in worship;\*  
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall  
serve him;\*  
they shall be known as the | LORD’s forever.
- <sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people | yet  
unborn\*  
the saving deeds that | he has done.





My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



# Good Friday

This Evening's Participants:

Presiding Minister - Rev. Mark Kopp

Lay Assistant - Linda Hiney



# Good Friday *Tenebrae* Service

## Gathering

*With this Good Friday liturgy we continue our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Though we devoutly gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection.*

*At the heart of the liturgy is the passion reading according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The Gospel enables us to call this Friday "Good," for it celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. Jesus' final words are not ones of desolation, but triumph: "It is finished."*

*As Jesus is lifted up from the earth, he draws all people to himself. On this solemn day we use the ancient Bidding Prayer, offering petitions for the whole world for which Christ died.*

*Finally we honor the cross as the sign of the world's redemption; from it flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil the world is given new birth and a living hope. With all the faithful we are invited to worship, bowing before this great mystery of our faith.*

*The congregation gathers in silence for reflection and meditation before the service.  
Congregational responses are in **bold** and \* denotes standing.*

*All stand when the presiding minister stands.*

**\*PRAYER** *(read by the minister):*

**P:** Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PSALM 22:1-11** *(read responsively by verse)*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them**

They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

**I have been entrusted to you ever since i was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

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



## BIDDING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the Holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer**

A: For the leaders of the Church:

A: Let us pray for all bishops, for all pastors and ministers, for all the servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to faithfully do the work to which you have called us... Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the people of God:

A: Let us pray for all the baptized children of God, that God make them responsive to His love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion to your Holy Church... Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the unity of Christians:

A: Let us pray for all brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord,

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love... Lord on your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the Jewish people:

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption... Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those who do not believe in Christ:

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people...Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those who are marginalized and excluded by faith:

A: Let us pray for those whom the world would easily forget and those for whom no one prays, may they find God as the author and goal of existence.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that the knowledge of your grace, your love, and your peace may be what gathers us all as one and not the hurtful thing that separates and shields us from the world. May all recognize the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all...Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For all in public office:

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, and a share in the goodness of your creation...Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For all in special need:

A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, for those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, disease, and those effected by natural disasters.

*Silence*

A: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need...Lord on your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*\*The LORD'S PRAYER please stand as you are able*

A: Finally, let us pray for those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

**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.**

*\*ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:*

P: Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

C: **O, come, let us worship him.**

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## WORD

### *The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John*

P: **Jesus in the Garden:**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

***HYMN RESPONSE*** - "Go To Dark Gethsemane" (verses, 1&2)

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# Go to Dark Gethsemane



1. Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tem-ter's pow'r;  
2. Fol low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;



your re-deem - er's con-flict see. Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
oh the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!



turn not from his griefs a-way; learn of Je-sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf-fring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

A: **Jesus denied by Peter:**

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves 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?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

***HYMN RESPONSE*** - "Go To Dark Gethsemane" (verses, 3&4)

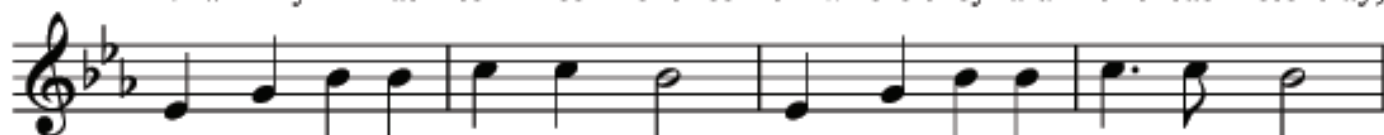
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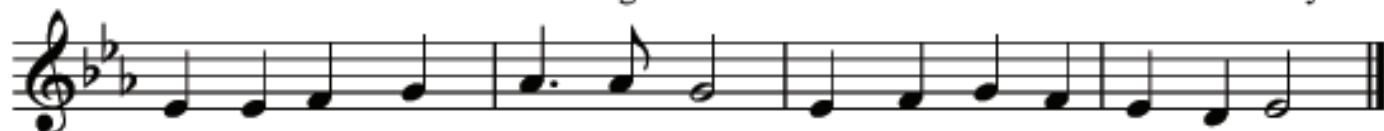
# Go to Dark Gethsemane



3. Cal v'ry's mourn ful moun tian climb; there, a dor ing at his feet,  
4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath less clay;



mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has ta - ken him a - way?



"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

P: *Jesus before Pilate:*

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

***HYMN RESPONSE - "Ah, Holy Jesus"***(verses 1&2)

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# Ah, Holy Jesus, How hast Thou Offended



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
2. Who was the guil - ty? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930 alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

A: *Jesus sentenced to death:*

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

***HYMN RESPONSE*** - "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 3,4&5)

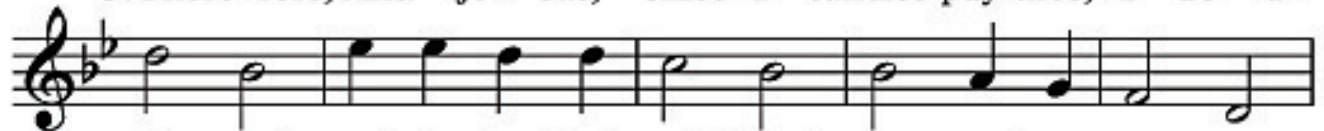
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# Ah, Holy Jesus, How hast Thou Offended



3. Lo, the Good Sheppherd for the sheep is of-fered; the slave hath  
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in-car-na-tion, thy mor-tal  
5. There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can not pay thee, I do a-



sin - ned, and the Son hath suf-fered; for man's a - tone-ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



while he noth-ing heed - eth God in - ter - ceed - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930 alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

P: **Jesus goes to Calvary:**

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

**Hymn Response - "O, Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** (verses 1&2)

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A: **Jesus is crucified:**

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

**HYMN RESPONSE - "O, Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** (verses 3&4)

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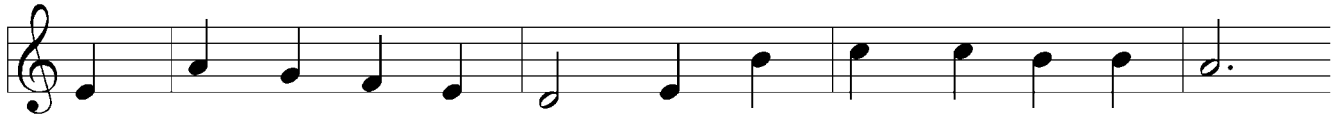
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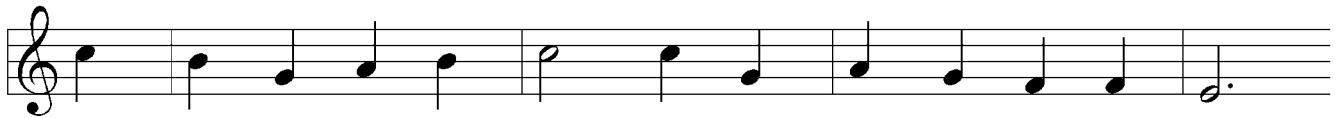
# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
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!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

P: **Jesus gives up his spirit:**

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*  
*extinguish Paschal Candle*

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then 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. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

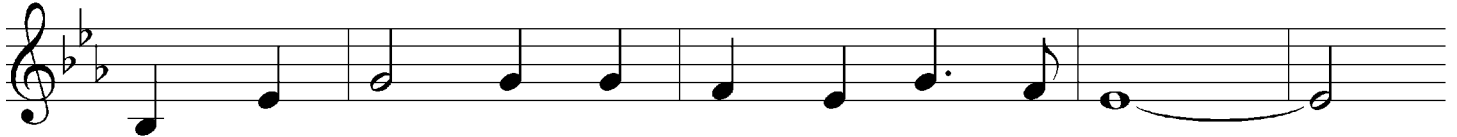
***HYMN RESPONSE -***

*"Were You There"*

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*Silence for meditation and reflection. You may remain in the church for meditation and reflection or depart in silence.*

# Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

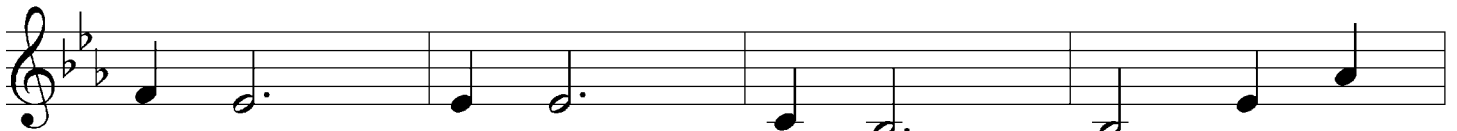


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 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## *Refrain*



Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 there when they pierced him in the side?  
 there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 there when they laid him in the tomb?

