

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 7, 2023**

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*Sunday  
Worship Service  
9:00 AM*

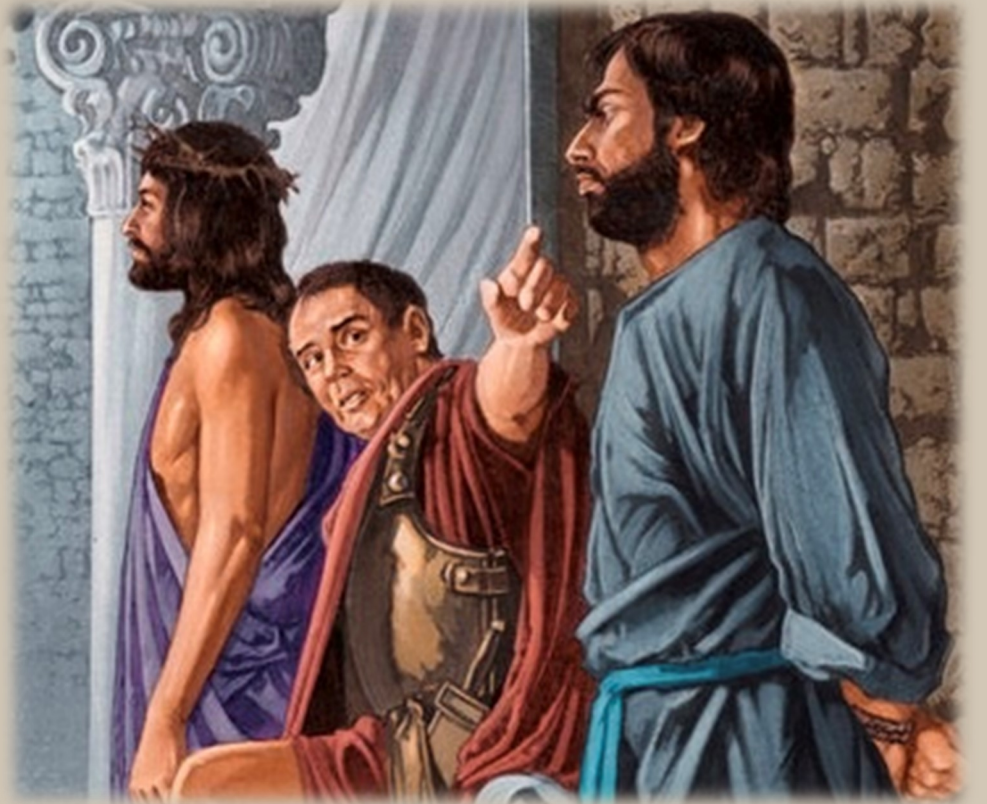
*Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:30 am*

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**“But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands.”**  
**John 18:39-19:3**

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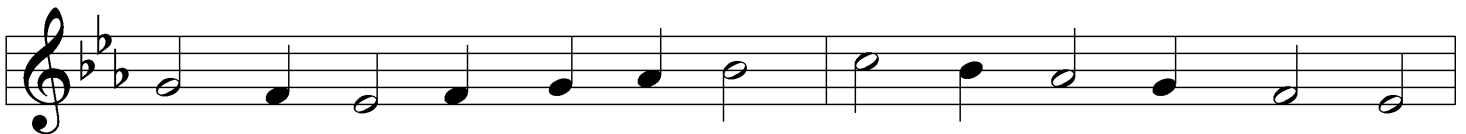
## WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

**AS WE GATHER** Our worship focuses on the inevitable: our Lord's betrayal, suffering, death, and burial. The Old Testament Reading and Psalms draw accurate pictures of the events of this day, but we need to review them. Only by following our Lord are we able to recognize that He was obeying the Father's plans. He had already provided the Sacrament of the Altar for us to be able to receive His body and blood, by which the covenant was signed. Now our Lord had to let the events of the day unfold until He was sealed within the borrowed tomb. Because He was so faithful today is Good Friday. It is good for all that He won for us; it is good to recognize God's great love; it is good to be here, knowing that deliverance from sin and death will come through our Lord's resurrection.

**PRELUDE** *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

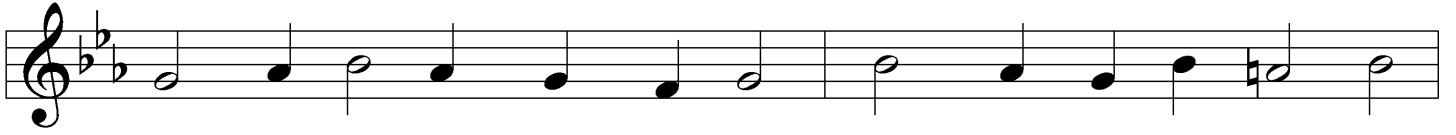
**OPENING HYMN** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* **LSB 440**



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

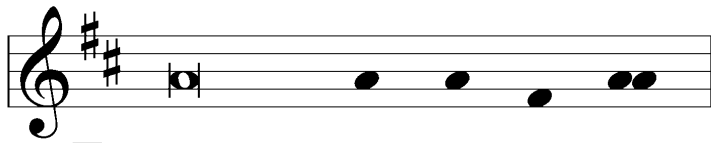


Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

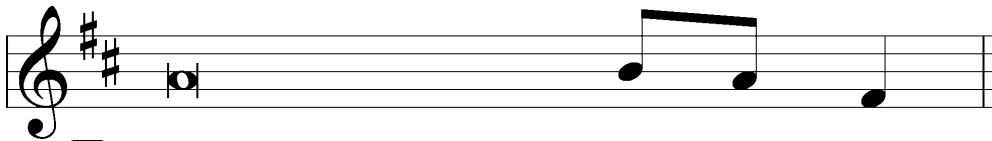
- 5 If my sins give me alarm  
 And my conscience grieve me,  
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
 Peace of conscience give me.  
 Help me see forgiveness won  
 By Your holy passion.  
 If for me He slays His Son,  
 God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,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

*Please stand*

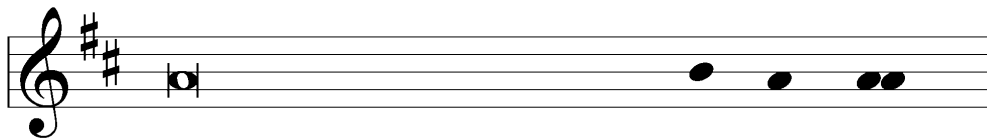
## VESPERS



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



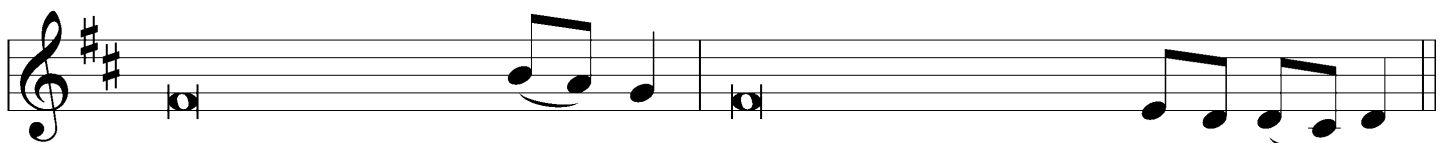
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



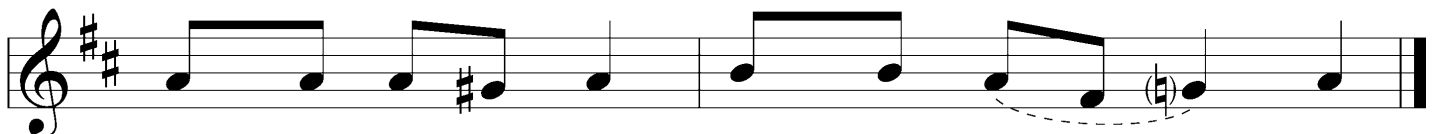
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our sal—va—tion.

## PSALM *Psalm 31*

**P** In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed;  
deliver me in Your righteousness.

**C** Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock

**of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.**

P For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

**C Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.**

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

**C I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the Lord.**

P I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,

**C And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place.**

P Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my body!

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

P I am a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and am repulsive to my acquaintances; those who see me outside flee from me.

**C I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.**

P For I hear the slander of many; fear is on every side; while they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life.

**C But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."**

P My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake.**

P Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You; let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in the grave.

**C Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak insolent**

**things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.**

P Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!

**C You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.**

P Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city!

**C For I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before Your eyes"; nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You.**

P Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person.

**C Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.**

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 53:1-12*

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

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



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
 4 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.  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
 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!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
 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.  
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly



fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**THIRD READING**

*John 18:28-John 19:20*

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. 29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." 31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," 32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. 33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *My Song Is Love Unknown*    **LSB 430; vs. 1-2**



1 My song is love un - known,    My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne    Sal - va - tion to be -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would



be.            Oh, who am I            That for my sake  
know.        But, oh, my friend,        My friend in - deed,



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!

John 18:39-40

39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *My Song Is Love Unknown*    **LSB 430; vs. 3-5**



3 Some - times they strew His way    And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done?    What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have    My dear Lord made a -



sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they

King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes

And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
 That He His foes From thence might free.

### John 19:1-28

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. 4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." 13 When Pilate therefore heard that

saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But 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!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

"They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

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

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now

accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

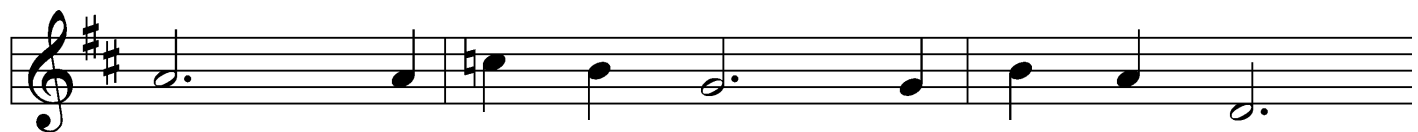
**HYMN OF THE DAY** *My Song Is Love Unknown* **LSB 430; vs. 6-7**



6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might  
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er  
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



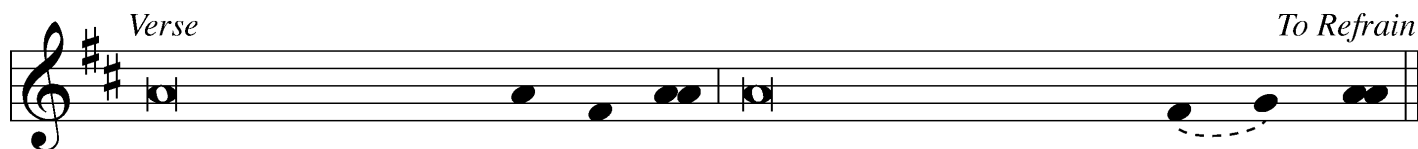
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.  
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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**RESPONSORY**



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

**SERMON**

*“Jesus for Barabbas”*

(John 18:38b-40)

*Please stand*

**CANTICLE**

*Were You There*

**LSB 456**



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  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from 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 ...  
 there when God raised Him from 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.  
 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?  
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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*Please sit*

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

## KYRIE

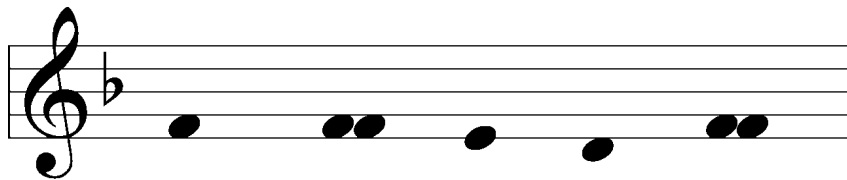


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

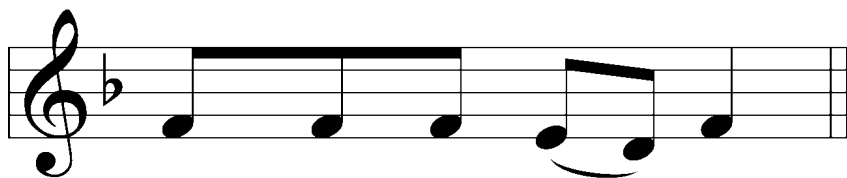
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

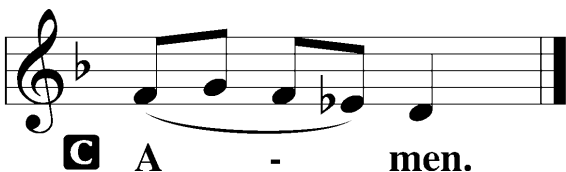
**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Rejoicing in Your mercy to us this day, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection. We pray this in the name of our humble King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

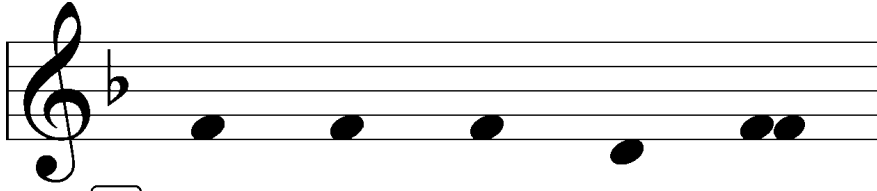
## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**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.





# BENEDICAMUS

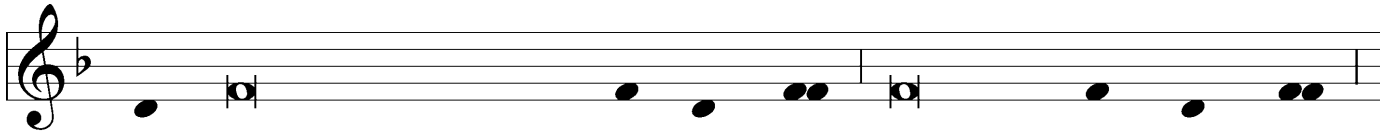


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

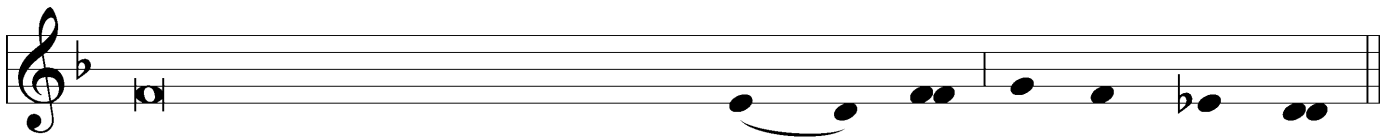


**C** Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*Please sit*

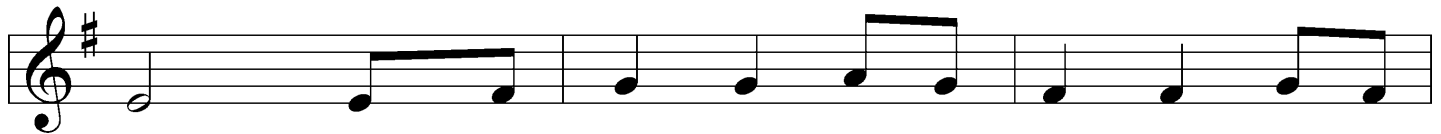
**SENDING HYMN**

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

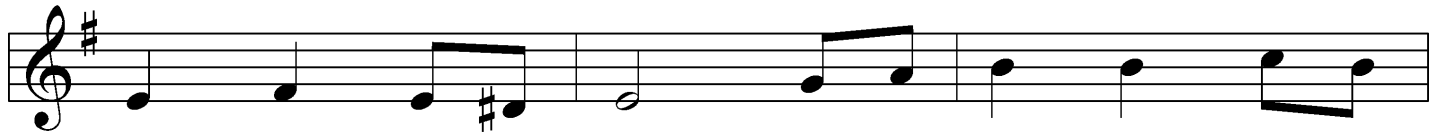
**LSB 451**



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.

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

