

**GOOD FRIDAY  
SERVICE**

**APRIL 15, 2022**

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***Sunday*  
Worship Service  
9:00 AM**

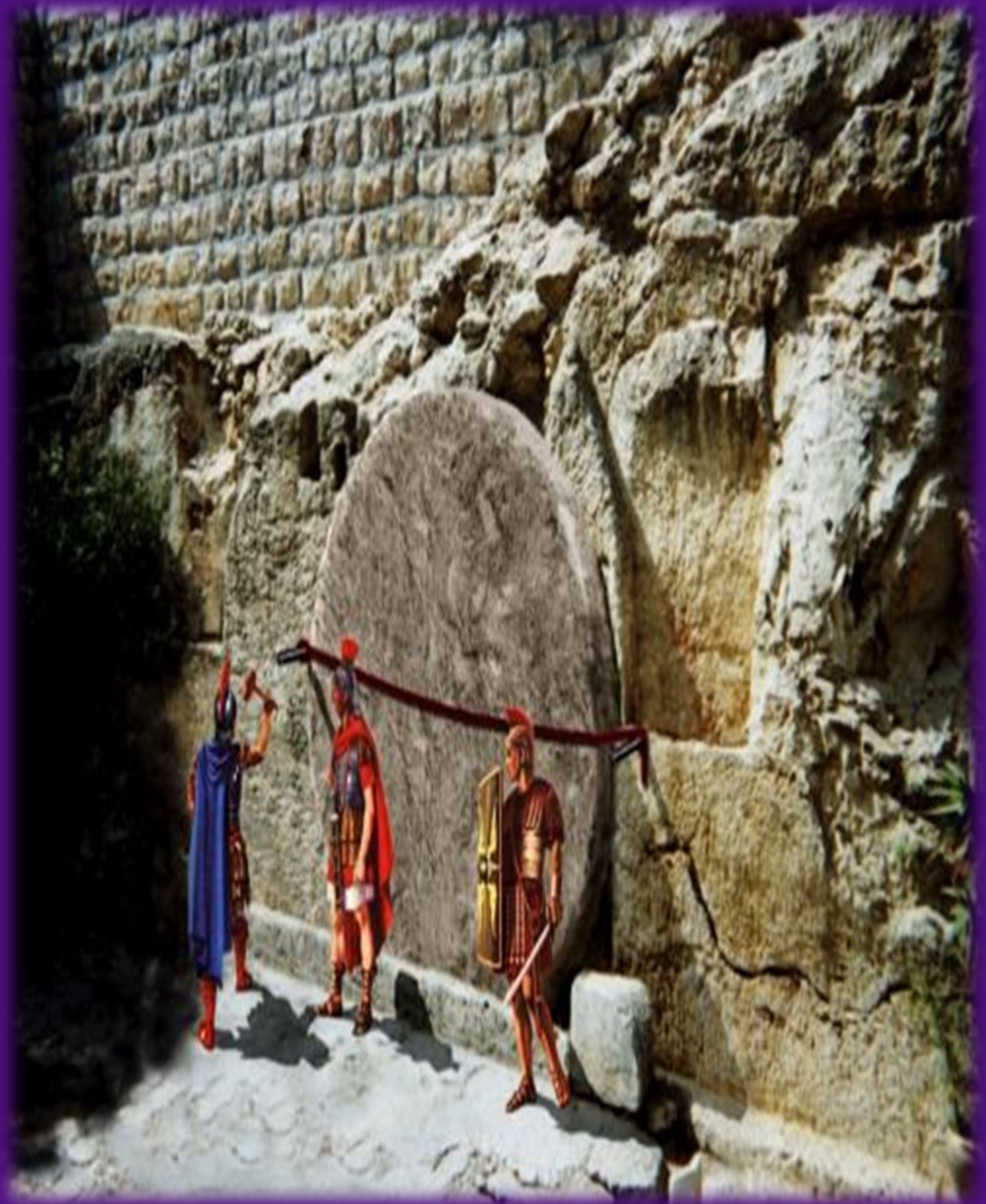
***Adult Bible Class*  
*Sunday School*  
10:30 am**

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

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**“Pilate said to them  
(Chief Priests and Pharisees),  
“You have a guard; go your way,  
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(Matthew 27:65-66)**

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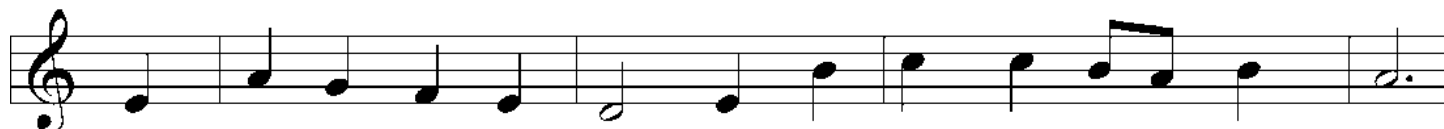
## WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**      “The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord” (LSB 634:1). Those words of a Swedish hymn written in the 1600s may seem difficult for us to comprehend. What is there to celebrate? Why is today good? In Old English, the word good meant “sacred” or “holy”—so it would be proper to refer to this day as “Holy Friday.” And yet the great goodness of God in Jesus Christ is most fully on display at the cross. Without the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, on this day, there would be no basis for His glorious resurrection in three days. Today is the good day that leads us to the great day of Easter yet to come!

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

**OPENING HYMN**      *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*      **LSB 449**



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,

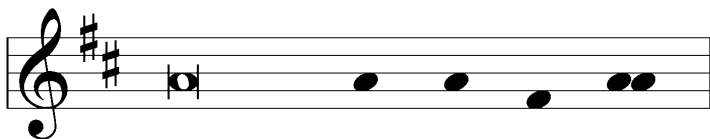


Yet, though de-spised and gor-y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa-vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev-er, nev-er, Out-live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en-fold Thee. Who di-eth thus dies well.

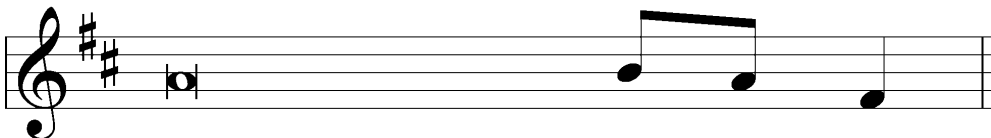
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*Please stand*

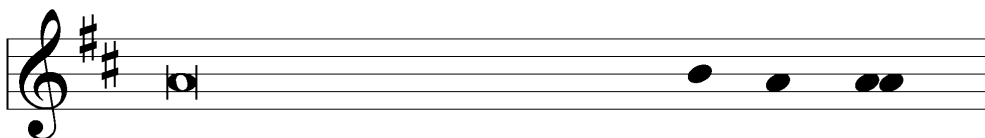
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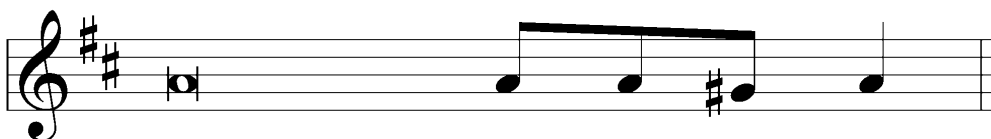
**L** O Lord, o-pen my lips,



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



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

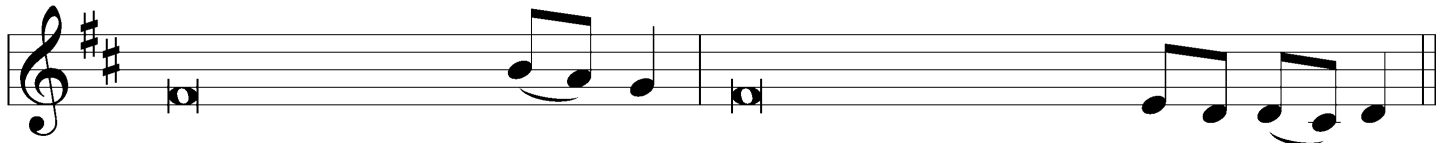


**C** make haste to help me, <sub>3</sub>O Lord.

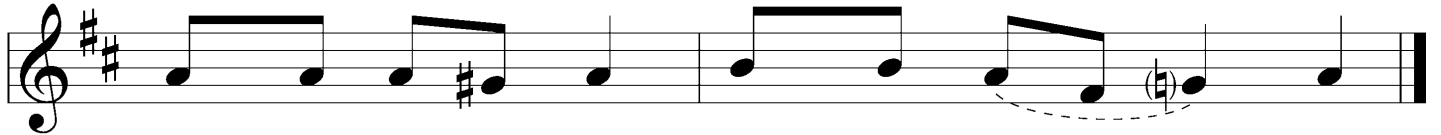
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Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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**      *Luke 23:44-56*

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!” 48 And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. 49 But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

50 Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. 51 He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had

ever lain before. 54 That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near. 55 And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

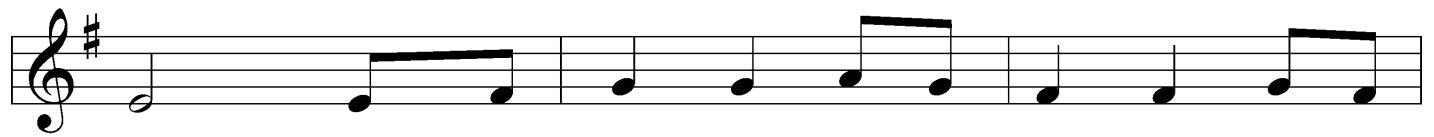
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

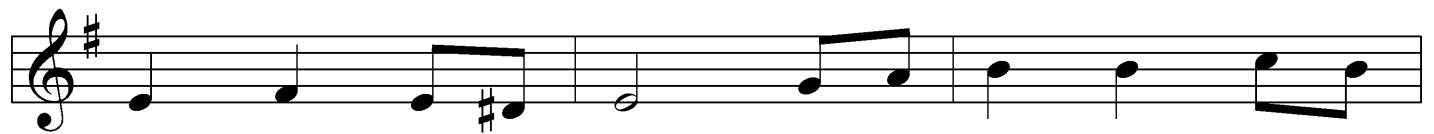
**HYMN**      *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*      **LSB 451; vs. 1,2**



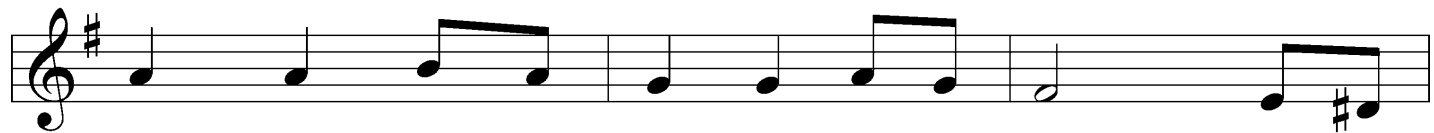
1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



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.

## SECOND READING

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

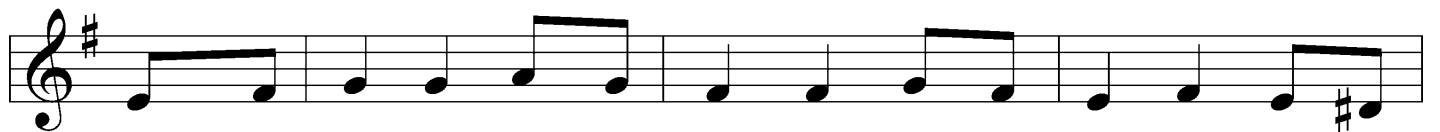
14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come 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.**

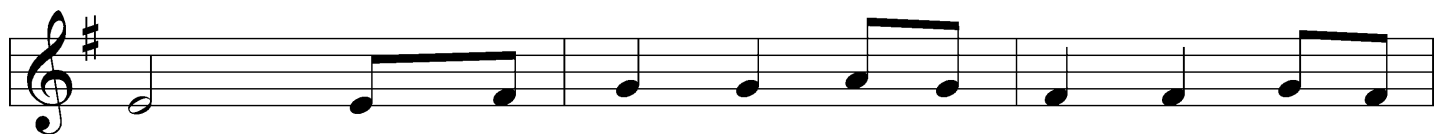
## HYMN

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

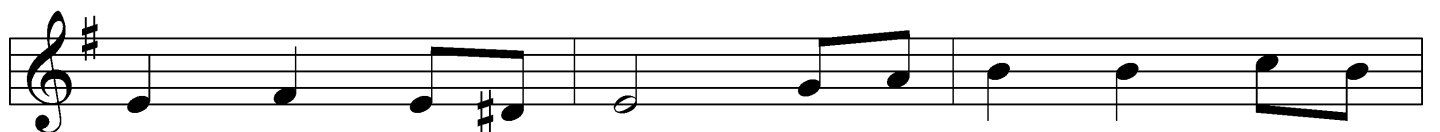
LSB 451; vs. 3,4



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



great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners





point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



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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### THIRD READING

*Matthew 27:45-66*

45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" 7 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" 48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. 49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" 55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, 56 among whom were Mary

Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

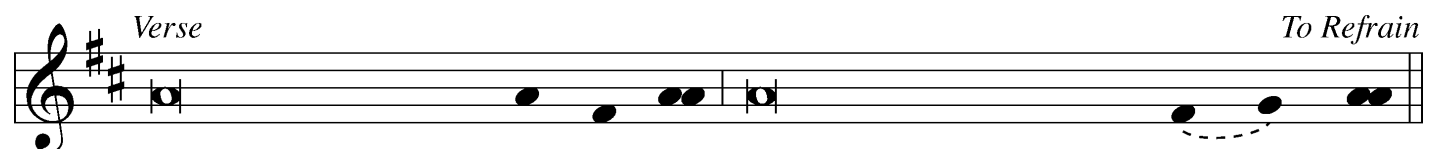
62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' 64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

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

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

## 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  
10 the God of my sal - va - tion.



*Refrain*



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

## SERMON

### *“Soldiers Guarding the Tomb”*

(Matthew 27:62-66)

*Please stand*

## CANTICLE

### *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

**LSB 435**



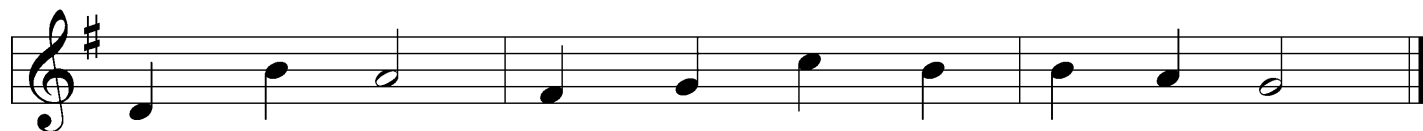
1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

*Please sit*

## OFFERING

*Please stand*

## KYRIE

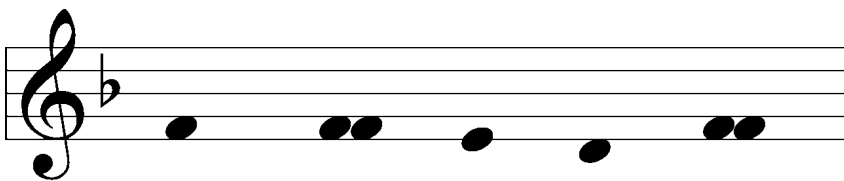


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

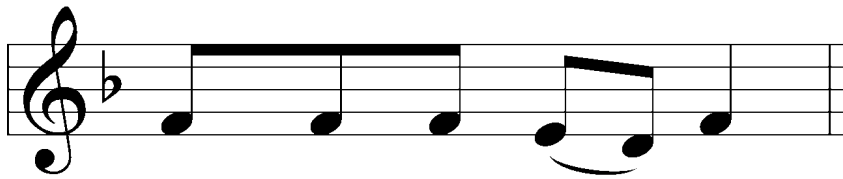
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

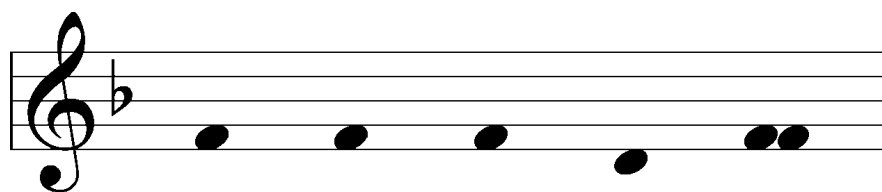
### COLLECT FOR PEACE

**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.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICAMUS

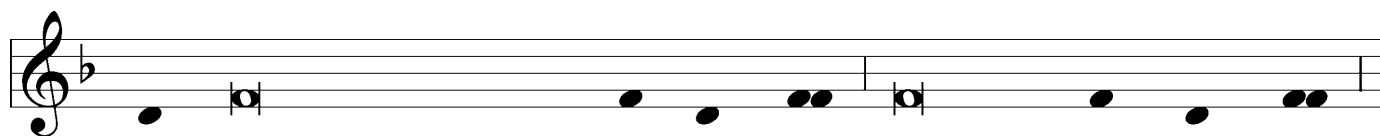


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

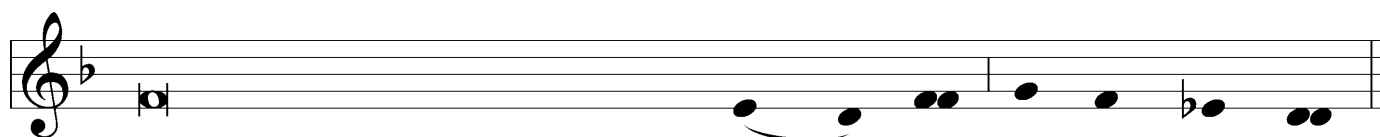


**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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

*Were You There*

**LSB 456**



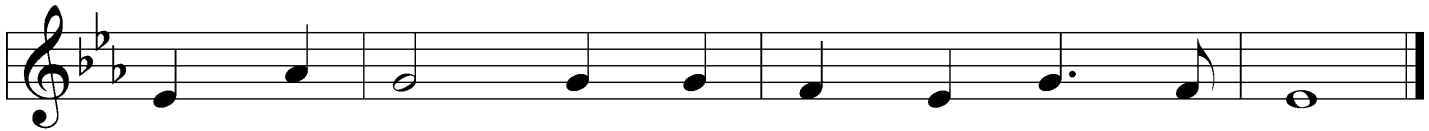
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



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?

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

