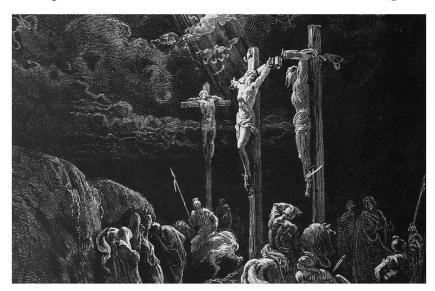
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Good Friday

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SOLEMN LITURGY for Good Friday

-Stand-

Opening Verse

[Isaiah 53:4-5a, 6 (EHV)]

PASTOR "Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings, But, in fact, he was pierced because of our rebellious deeds. He was crushed because of our guilt.

GONGREGATION All of us like sheep have gone astray. But the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all."

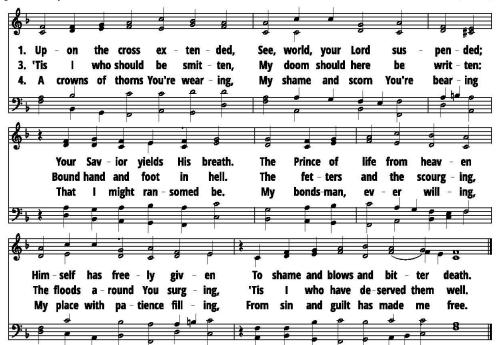
Prayer

Let us pray: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to Him, our only Savior.

G Amen.



[CW 113]



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First Lesson • *Isaiah 53:1–12*

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a shoot and like a root from dry soil. He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

We saw him, but nothing about his appearance made us desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief and was acquainted with suffering. Like someone that people cannot bear to look at

he was despised, and we thought nothing of him.

CONGREGATION: ⁴Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings, but we thought he was stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But, in fact, he was pierced because of our rebellious deeds.

He was crushed because of our guilt. The punishment to bring us peace was upon him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

PASTOR: ⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray.

Each of us has turned to his own way,

PASTOR: Who has believed our report, but the LORD has laid on him the guilt of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in the presence of her shearers, so he did not open his mouth.

> CONGREGATION: 10 Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him.

He made him suffer.

When you make his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will lengthen his days, and the LORD's pleasure will succeed in his

¹¹After the anguish of his soul he will see the light of life.

He will provide full satisfaction.

PASTOR: By knowledge of him my just Servant will justify the many,

for he himself carried their guilt.

¹²Therefore I will give him a share among the great,

and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebels, and he himself bore the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels. (EHV)

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Anthem • "The Power of the Cross"

[Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend]

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: vs. 1,2,3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross..

- 2. O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

 Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed. crowning Your bloodstained brow. REFRAIN. 2
- 3. Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.

 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life- "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. REFRAIN. 3
- 4. O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering. I am free.

 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

REFRAIN 4. This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Second Lesson · 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

¹⁶ As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. ¹⁷ So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! ¹⁸ And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. (EHV)

Response • "The Lamb"

[CWS 714]

-First verse is sung by pastor. The congregation joins in the rest of the hymn.-



-Stand-

Holy Gospel · John 19:16–18, 28–42

P The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel of St. John, the nineteenth chapter, beginning with the sixteenth verse.

So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus away. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle...

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."

 29 A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. ³²So the soldiers

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came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

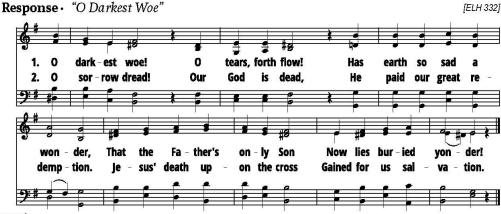
³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. ³⁶Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."

³⁸After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away. ³⁹Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

 40 They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

 41 There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42 So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near. (EHV)

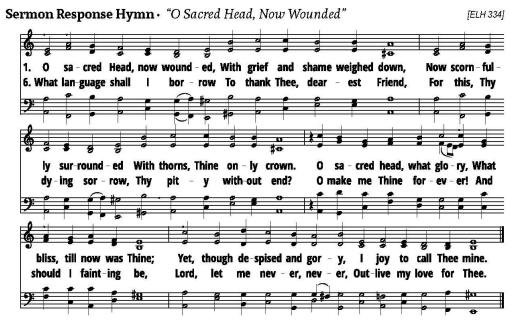
P Here ends the Gospel.



-Be seated-

Sermon · Hebrews 7:26-28, "Exactly What We Needed"

This is certainly the kind of high priest we needed: one who is holy, innocent, pure, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices on a daily basis, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. In fact, he sacrificed for sins once and for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses. But the word of the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been brought to his goal forever. (EHV)



Presentation of Offerings •

We offer our treasures to Jesus out of thankfulness for our salvation.



Those who wish to give digitally may use this code.

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Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

G 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.

-Be seated-

THE SEVEN WORDS OF THE CROSS

[CW 139]

1. The Lord Asks for His Enemies' Forgiveness · Luke 23:26-34

As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They cast lots to divide his garments among them. (EHV)



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-The first candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

2. Jesus Welcomes a Criminal to His Kingdom · Luke 23:38-43

There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise." (EHV)



-The second candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

3. The Lord Cares for His Mother · John 19:25-27

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home. (EHV)



-The third candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

4. Jesus Suffers the Full Pains of Hell on the Cross · Matthew 27:45-46

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (EHV)



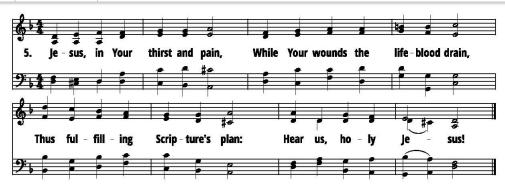
-The fourth candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

5. Jesus Fulfills Every Last Bit of Prophecy · John 19:28-29

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."

 $^{29}\mbox{A}$ jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. (EHV)

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-The fifth candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

6. Jesus' Sacrifice is Complete · John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. (EHV)



-The sixth candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation-

7. Jesus Commits His Spirit · Luke 23:44–48

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

 47 When the centurion saw what had happened, he began to glorify God, saying, "This

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man really was righteous." ⁴⁸When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. (EHV)



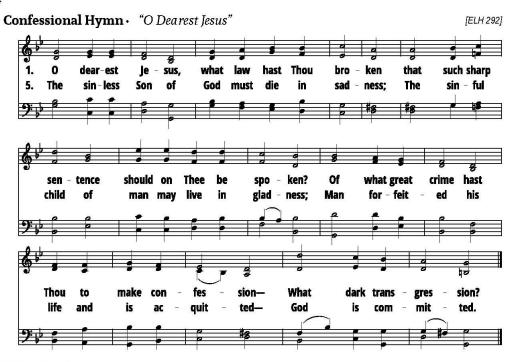
- -The seventh candle—the Christ candle—is removed from sight, to return at the Easter Dawn service-
- -A loud noise is heard symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb-
- -Stand-

Confession of Sin

- P Let us confess our sins.
- I confess to you, God Almighty, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed
 - by my fault,
 - by my own fault,
 - by my own most grievous fault.

Therefore, I pray, God Almighty, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

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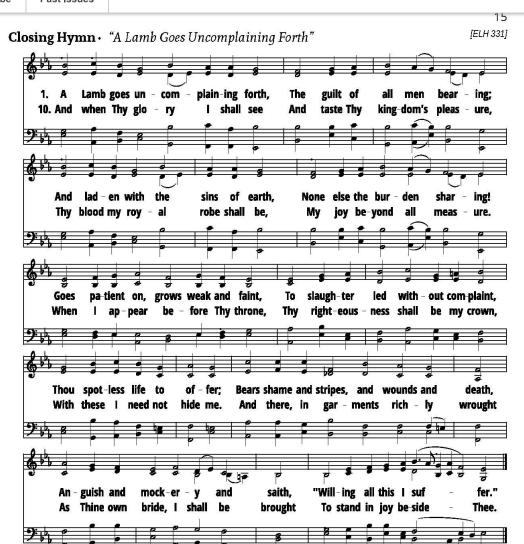


Holy Absolution

By Jesus' wounds, you are healed.

Depart in peace.

-Be seated-



⁻The congregation leaves in silence at their own direction-