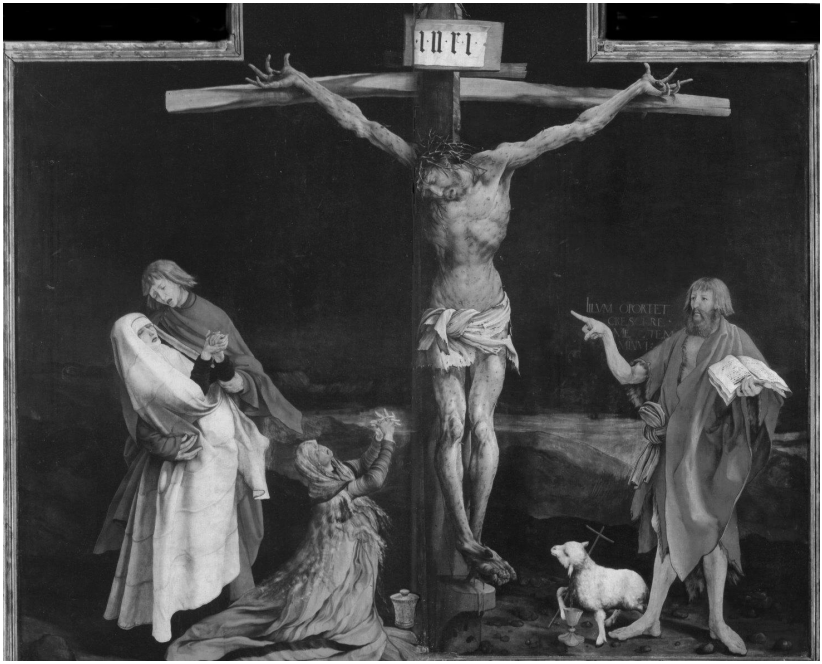
Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Good Friday
Chief Service



Behold, the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world

Acknowledgements:

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (LSB 440)
Text: Sigismund von Birken (1626–81); tr. August Crull (1845–1923), alt.
Music: Melchior Vulpius (1570–1615)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LSB 450)
Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607–76), based on Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153); tr. composite
Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612), alt.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (LSB 434)
Text & Music: Nicolas Decius (1485–1546); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow
Text: William Sparrow Simpson (1860–1952)
Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (LSB 454)
Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (530–609); tr. John Mason Neale & others
Music: Swedish (17th Century)

Explanation of Symbols

P Pastor
L Assisting liturgist
A Assisting choir/cantor
C Congregation
✠ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Service of the Word

Kneel/Stand

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Kneel/Stand

P Let us pray.
Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Kneel/Stand

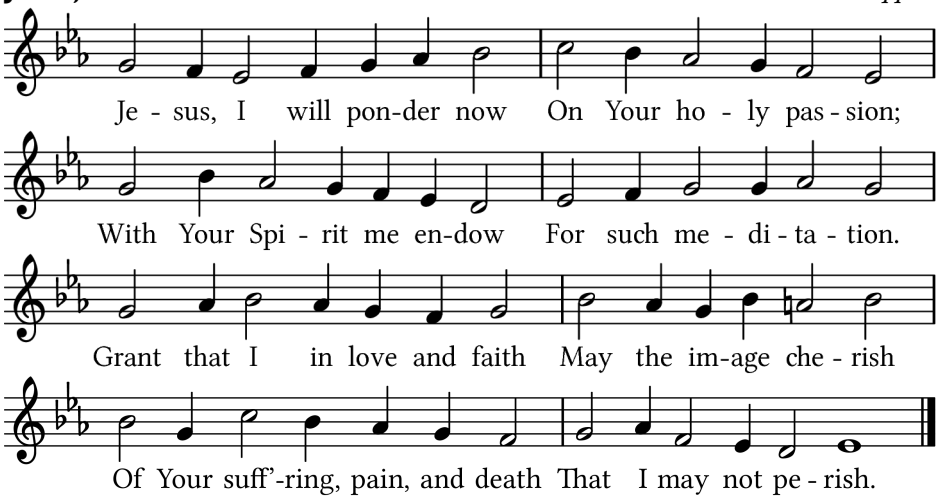
℗ Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ℂ **Amen.**

Sit

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now *LSB 440 st. 1*



℗ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus *John 18:1–11*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *LSB 449 st. 1*

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter *John 18:12–27*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee,
Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee
And flee before Thy glance.
How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish
That once was bright as morn!

3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished
Their colour, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished
The splendour that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigour,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou has lost Thy vigour,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

Jesus Before Pilate *John 18:28–40*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

4. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favour,
And grant to me Thy grace.

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion *John 19:1–16*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

5. My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

6. Here I will stand beside Thee,
From Thee I will not part;
O Saviour, do not chide me!
When breaks Thy loving heart,
When soul and body languish
In death's cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish,
Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.

Stand

The Crucifixion of Jesus *John 19:16–24*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

7. The joy can ne'er be spoken,
Above all joys beside,
When in Thy body broken
I thus with safety hide.
O Lord of life, desiring
Thy glory now to see,
Beside Thy cross expiring,
I'd breathe my soul to Thee.

8. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25–30

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

9. My Saviour, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:31–42

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

10. Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

Silence

Sit

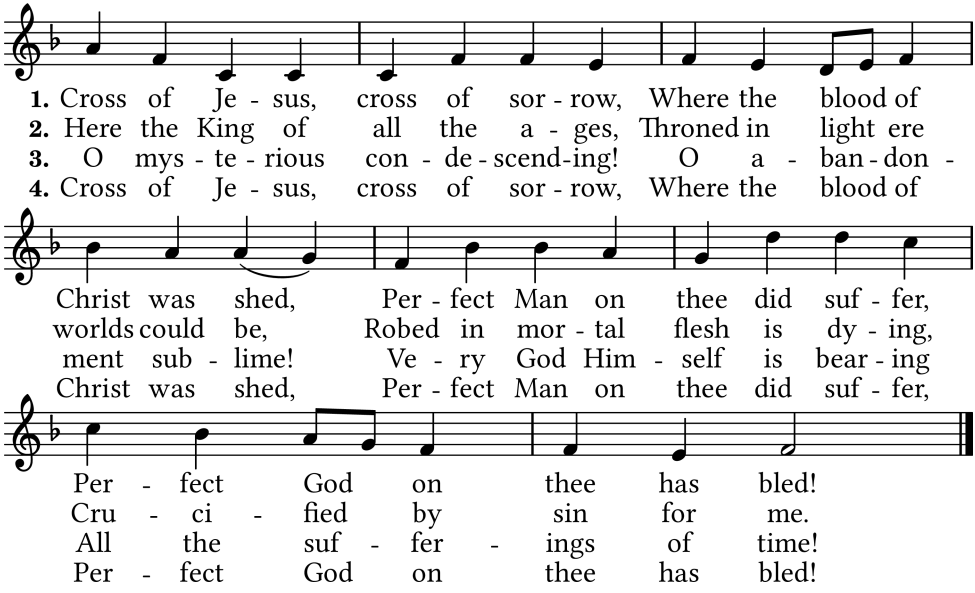
Sermon

After the Sermon:

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow



Kneel/Stand

Bidding Prayer

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Elizabeth, our Queen; her government; the Parliament; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

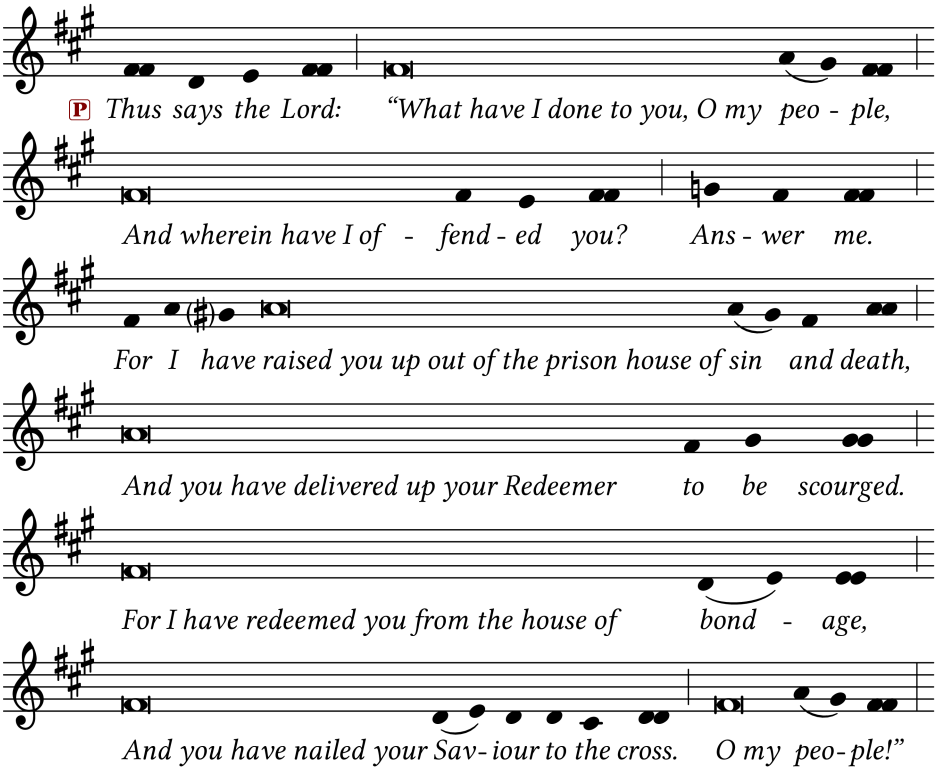
C **Amen.**

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

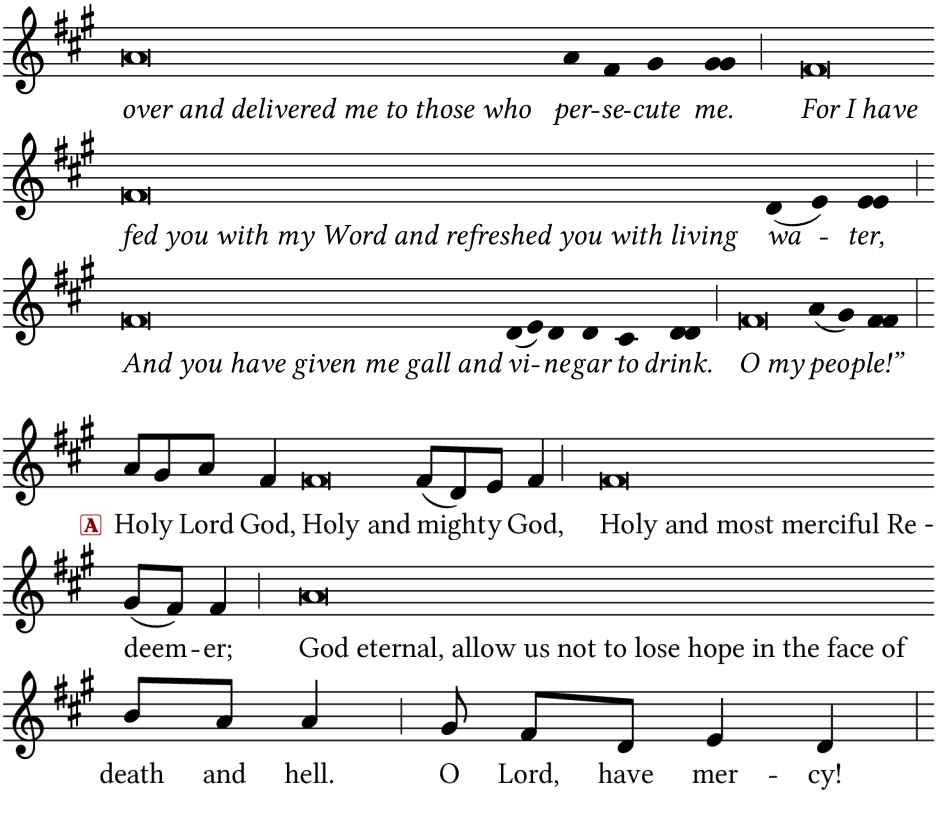
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but ✠ deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reproaches

The reproaches shall be chanted by the pastor, with a response ("Holy Lord God...") sung by a cantor. The congregation shall sing the hymn verses ("Lamb of God").



Lamb of God, Pure and Holy *LSB 434 st. 1*



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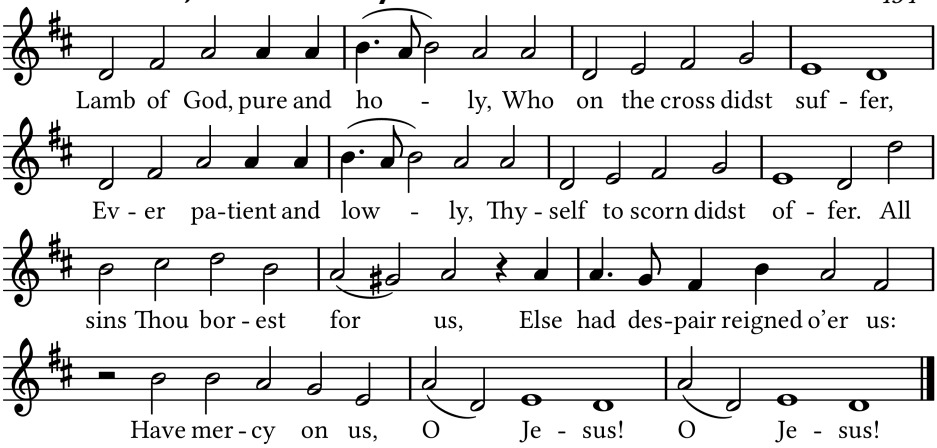

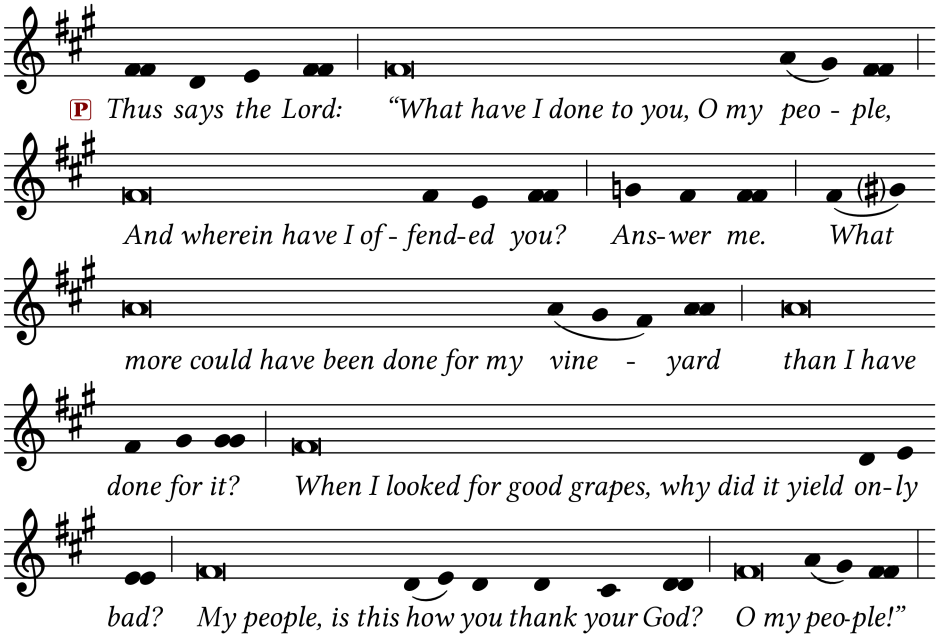

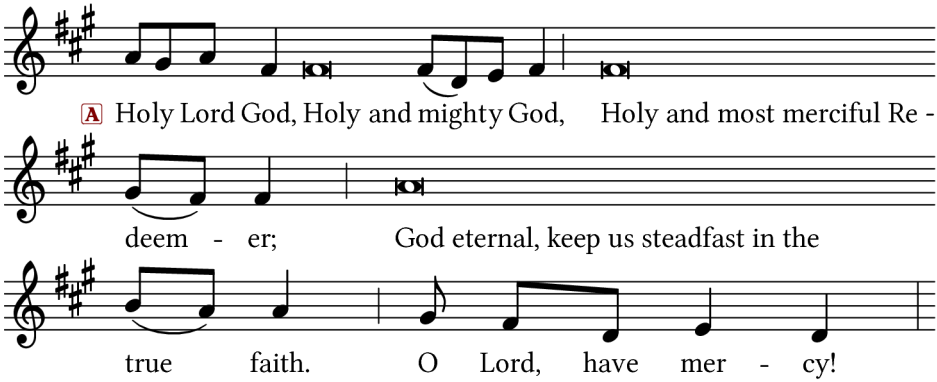

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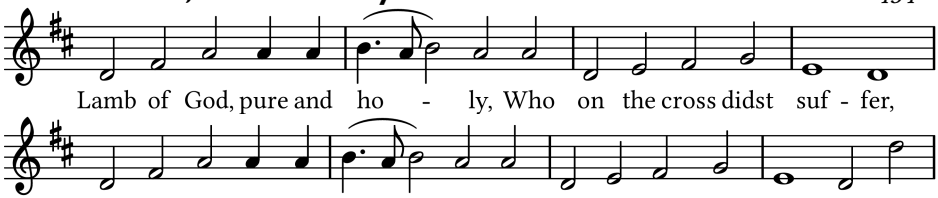
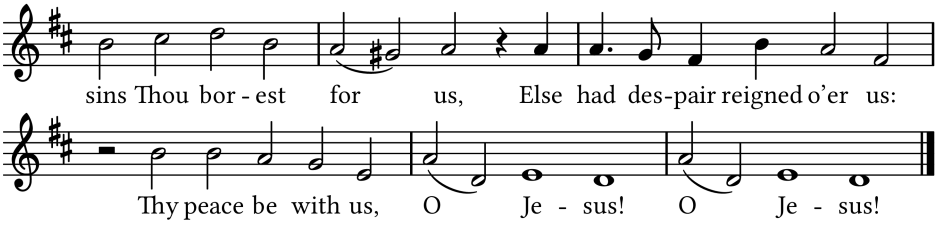




Kneel/Stand

Adoration of Christ

℟ We adore You, O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross*
joy has come into all the world.
God be merciful to us and bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
We adore You, O Lord,*
and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.
For behold, by the wood of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world.

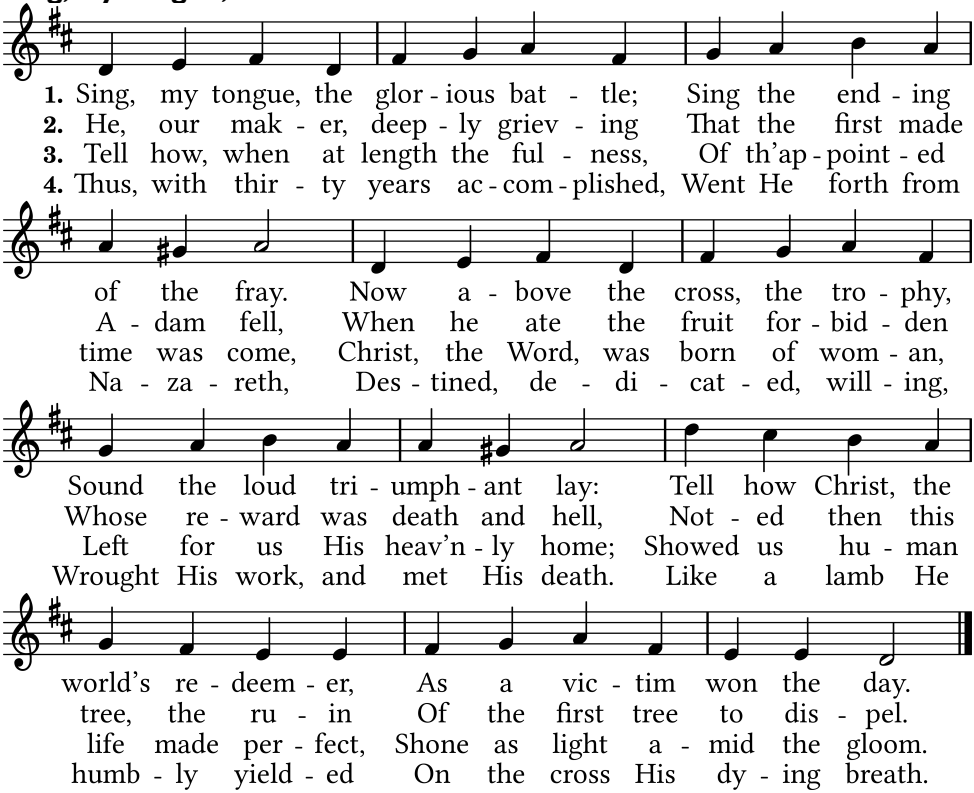
Stand

Concluding Collect

℣ Let us pray.
We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℟ **Amen.**

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



5. There the nails and spears He suffers,
Vinegar, and gall, and reed;
From His sacred body piercèd
Blood and water both proceed;
Precious flood, which all creation
From the stain of sin hath freed.

6. Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,
Now for us the noblest tree,
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

7. Lofty tree, bend down thy branches,
To embrace thy sacred load;
Oh, relax the native tension
Of that all too rigid wood;
Gently, gently bear the members
Of thy dying King and God.

8. Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's ransom to sustain,
That a shipwrecked race forever
Might a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb of sinners slain.