

GOOD FRIDAY

A SERVICE OF REFLECTION & PROCLAMATION

March 29, 2024 + Noon & 7:00 pm

Crown of Life Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas



Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He was pierced for our transgressions;

He was crushed for our iniquities;

upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4,5

GREETINGS IN JESUS' NAME on this Holy Day of our Lord's suffering and death. Today we see Scripture fulfilled. The beloved Son – stricken and smitten by God the Father – dies for our sins (*Isaiah 53:4*). We confess that it is our guilt that has made the cross necessary. Yet the crucifixion is not defeat: by the cross the Father glorifies Himself and His Son (*John 12:27,28*). We boldly affirm that the world is reconciled to God and, on the Third Day, that our Redeemer will triumph over death.



OUR WORSHIP BEGINS with a simple procession with the cross and ends with an adaptation of the ancient **Office of Tenebrae**. (*"Tenebrae"* is a Latin word meaning *shadows* or *darkness*.) Using the extinguishing of candles to remember that first Good Friday, it may seem as if darkness conquers – but the Light of Christ will not be extinguished.



Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8

+ In Nomine Jesu +

You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, on this day You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live in righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and – by Your grace – eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God forever. Amen.



The PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: [7:00 pm] **"Glory Be to Jesus"** (with French Horn)

Phil Lehenbauer

The CALL TO WORSHIP:

(from Psalm 22)

- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
- C** **Why are You so far from saving Me, so far from the words of My groaning?**
- P** O My God, I cry out by day,
- C** **but You do not answer; by night, I am not silent.**
- P** I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- C** **From birth I was cast upon You; from My mother's womb You have been My God.**
- P** All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- C** **"He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue Him.
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him."**
- P** O Lord, be not far off;
- C** **O My strength, come quickly to help Me.**
- P** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint.
- C** **My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within Me.**
- P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth,
- C** **You lay Me in the dust of death.**
- P** I can count all My bones; people stare and gloat over Me.
- C** **They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing.**

- P** But You, O Lord, be not far off;
C **O My Strength, come quickly to help Me.**
P All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him,
C **They will proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn – for He has done it.**

*A time of silence for contemplation
of the meaning of this day.*

The HYMN: “**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**”

(Lutheran Service Book #440, stanza 1)

*Jesus, I will ponder now on Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death that I may not perish.*

The PROCESSION OF THE CROSS:

*The rough cross is carried forward and placed before the Altar.
During the Procession, the Announcement and Response are spoken three times:*

- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung Jesus, the salvation of the whole world.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

After the Procession...

- P** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
C **have mercy on us.**
P Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
C **have mercy on us.**
P Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
C **grant us peace. Amen.**
P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was
willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death.
C **Amen.**

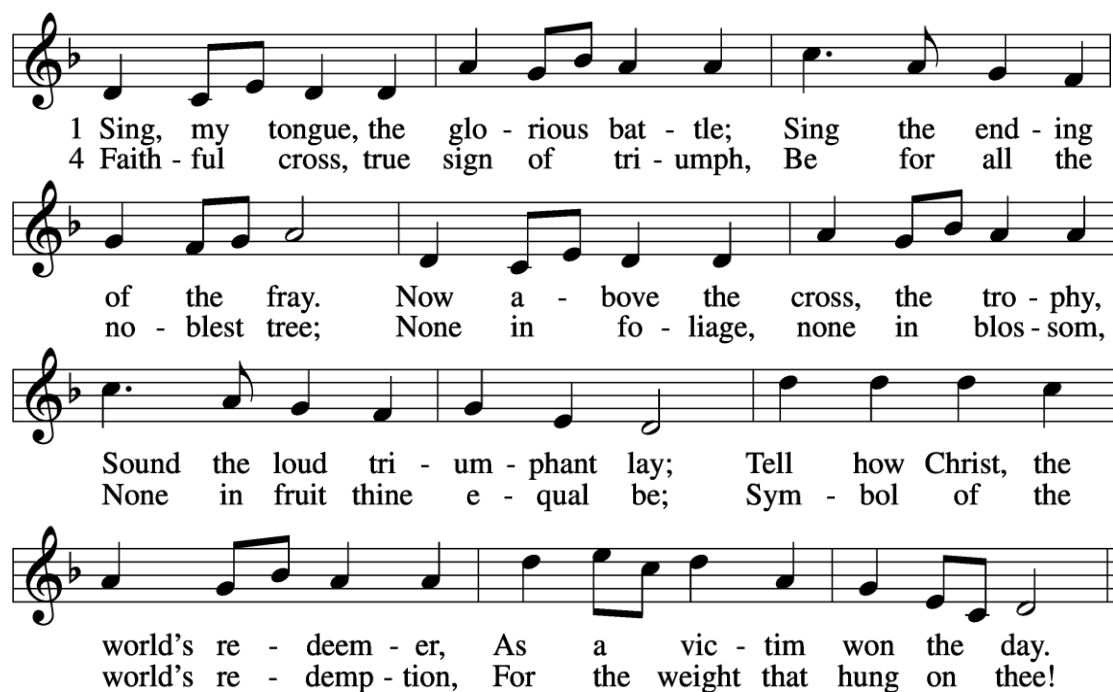
The PLACING OF THE CROWN OF THORNS:

- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the
chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
C **and with His stripes we are healed.**
P Almighty and most merciful Father, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our
Lord that we may find in Him the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

The HAMMERING OF THE NAILS and the MARKING OF THE SIDE:

- P** We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
C **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**
P O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You redeemed the world.
C **Forgive us, restore us, save us, we humbly implore You, O Lord.**

The HYMN: “**Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**” (LSB #454, only the 1st stanza at this point)



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

The MEDITATION: “**THE WORDS OF CHRIST’S GROANING**”

Psalm 22



The HYMN: “**Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**” (LSB #454, stanza 4 – printed above)

The BIDDING PRAYER:

This lengthy and all-inclusive prayer is traditionally included in the Church’s worship on Good Friday.

The Bidding Prayer is included as an insert in this Worship Guide.

The “bids” will be read by Pastor Kachelmeier, the petitions will be spoken by Pastor Barz.

THE TENEBRAE

A Series of Readings, Prayers and Hymns based on the Seven Words from the Cross

† THE FIRST WORD †

“Father, forgive them...”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:12b & Philippians 2:8a)

- P** He bore the sin of many,
C **and made intercession for the transgressors.**
P Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death –
C **even death on a cross!**

The SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 19:14-16a & Luke 23:32-34a

The PRAYER:

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You sought forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Teach us also to love our enemies to live in peace with all people.
C **Amen.**

The HYMN: **“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”**

(LSB #439, stanzas 1,2,4)



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.

The first candle is extinguished.

† THE SECOND WORD †
“Today you will be with Me...”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:11a)

- P** After the suffering of His soul,
C **He will see the light of life and be satisfied.**
P Behold the suffering Servant:
C **behold our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

The SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 23:35-43

The PRAYER:

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise.
C **Amen.**

The SPIRITUAL SONG: “Jesus, Remember Me”

(LSB #767)

The Hymn is sung twice.



The second candle is extinguished.

† THE THIRD WORD †
“Behold, your son...behold, your mother...”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:3a)

- P** He was despised and rejected by men,
C **a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.**
P Behold the Lamb on the cross:
C **behold the Servant lifted high.**

The SCRIPTURE READING:

John 19:25-27

The PRAYER:

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others and for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray Your comfort for all parents who mourn the death of their children, for all parents who sorrow because their children are in trouble or have forsaken their faith, and for all children who care for their parents in sickness and old age. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.
C **Amen.**

The HYMN: “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

(LSB #542, stanzas 1,3)

1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;

I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.

Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

The third candle is extinguished.

† THE FOURTH WORD †

“My God, My God...”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:5a & Philippians 2:8a)

- P** He was pierced for our transgressions,
- C** **He was crushed for our iniquities.**
- P** Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death –
- C** **even death on a cross!**

The SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 27:45-47

The PRAYER:

- P** Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the tragic influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our lives and show Your presence to others.
- C** **Amen.**



The HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(LSB #425, stanzas 1,3)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

The fourth candle is extinguished.

† THE FIFTH WORD †

“I thirst.”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:2b)

- P** He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him,
- C** **nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.**
- P** Behold the suffering Servant:
- C** **behold our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

The SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 10:38-42 & John 19:28-29

The PRAYER:

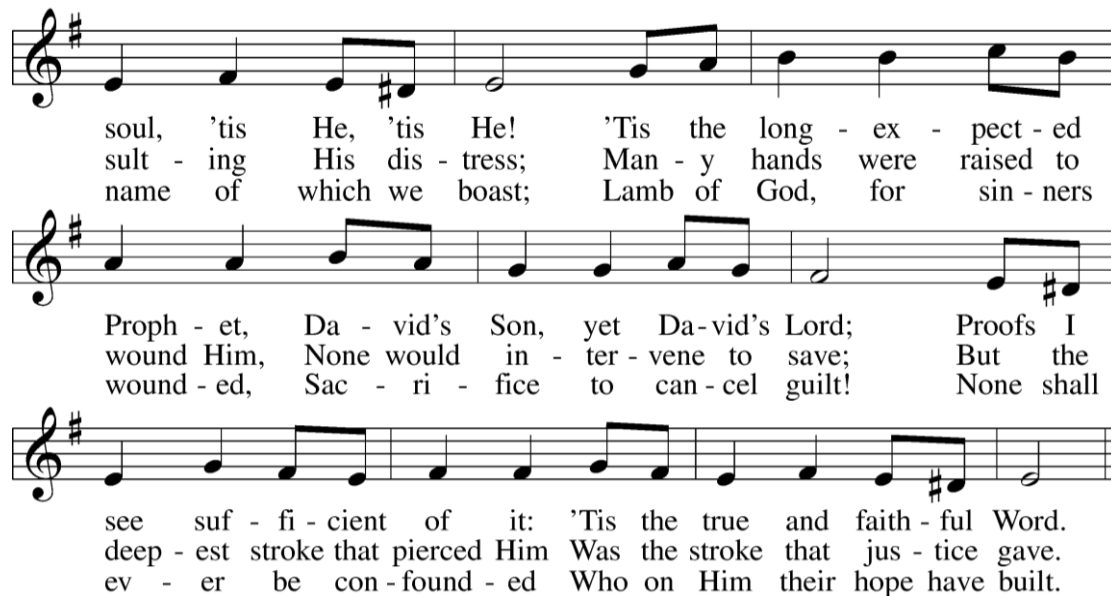
- P** Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You endured not only physical pain but also spiritual anguish on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering for Your sake, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example.
- C** **Amen.**

The HYMN: “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

(LSB #451, stanzas 1,2,4)



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
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
tree!
His? 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
lost: Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
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
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
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.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

† THE SIXTH WORD †

"It is finished."

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:6)

- P** We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
- C** and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- P** Behold the Lamb on the cross:
- C** behold the Servant lifted high.

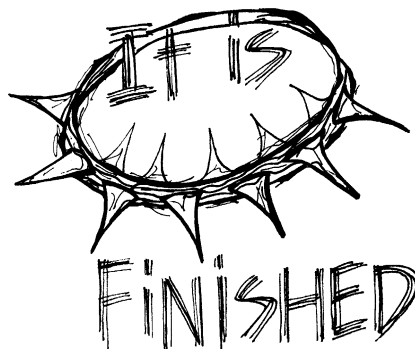
The SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 9:11-12,15,27,28 & John 19:30a

*The Strepitus (Latin for 'loud noise') happens
as we hear this powerful and profound proclamation of our Lord.*

The PRAYER:

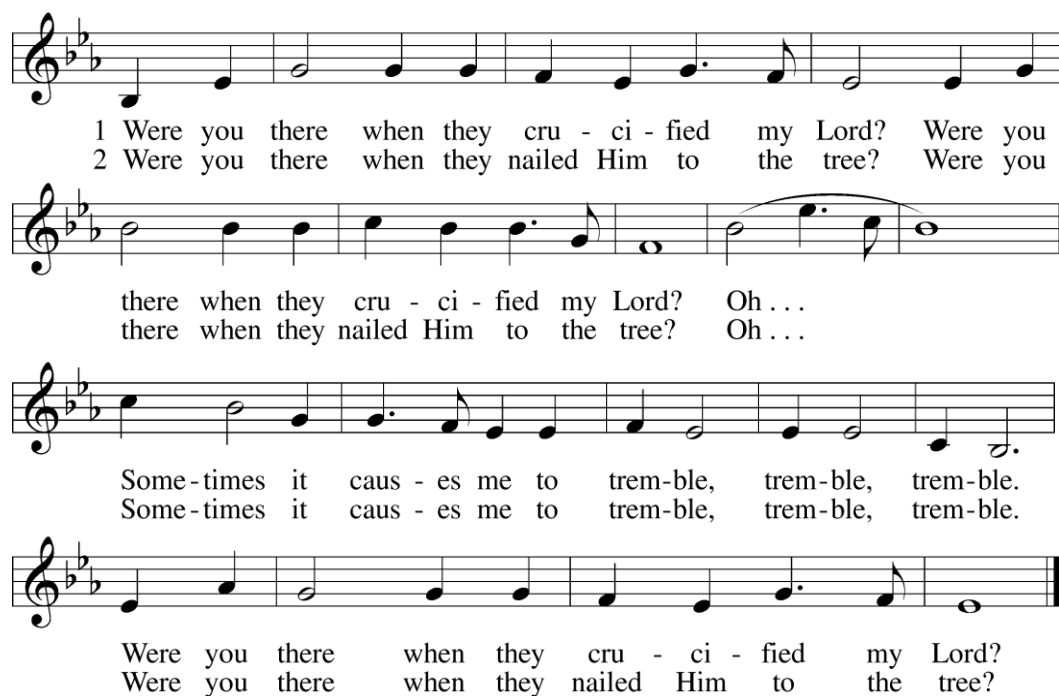
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us everything You intend for us, so that as redeemed and chosen people of God, we may live for His glory.
- C** Amen.



JOHN 19:30

The HYMN: “Were You There”

(LSB #456, stanzas 1,2)



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

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? 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.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

The sixth candle is extinguished.

† THE SEVENTH WORD †

“Father, into Your hands...”

The SERVANT RESPONSES:

(Isaiah 53:5b & Philippians 2:8a)

- P** The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,
- C** **and by His wounds we are healed.**
- P** Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death –
- C** **even death on a cross!**

The SCRIPTURE READINGS:

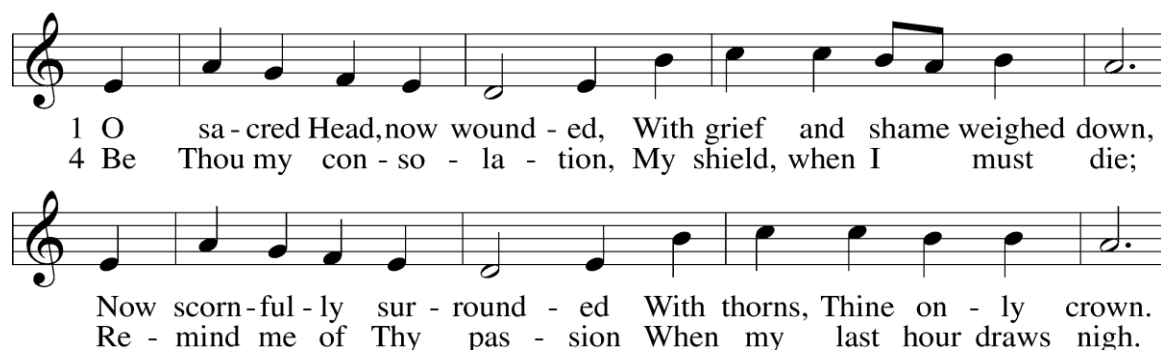
Luke 23:44-46 & Matthew 27:54

The PRAYER:

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. When our last hour comes, grant us grace and peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.
- C** **Amen.**

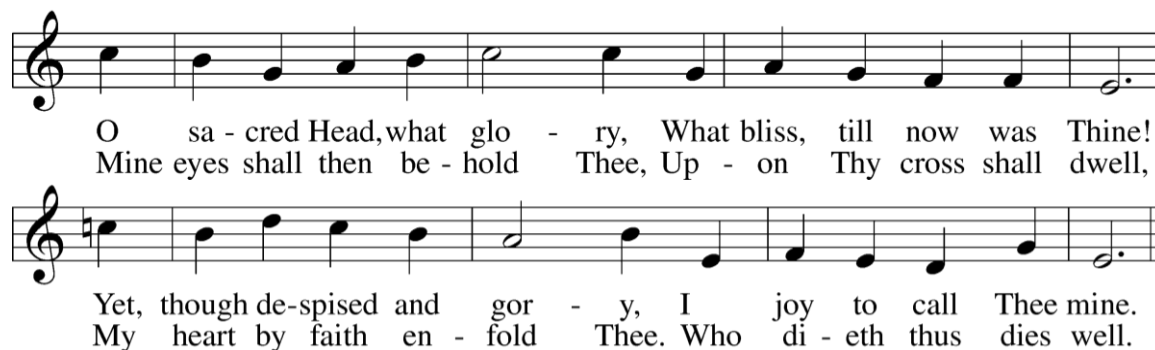
The HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

(Noon – LSB #449, stanzas 1,4)



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
 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.
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



The ANTHEM: “**Father, Forgive**”

(7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir)

Refrain: O Father, forgive our sins. We are helpless. We have lost our way.
O Father, forgive our sins. In Your mercy, save us! Hear our cry!

On a cross of grief and pain, Jesus suffered for our shame.

Such amazing love He showed. What a debt to Him we owe. **Refrain**

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison, eleison.

(O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy upon us.)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison, eleison. (Repeated)

O Father, forgive our sins. We are helpless. We have lost our way.

O Father, forgive our sins, In Your mercy, save us! Hear our cry!

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The SEPULCHRE CANDLE:

The seventh candle is not extinguished but, while still aflame, is removed from our sight. When the music ends, there is silence for a time as we contemplate the death and burial of our Lord. The candle is then returned to its place – “entombed” in the Lenten sepulchre vessel – anticipating the Resurrection of our Lord.

The PRAYER & ACCLAMATION:

- P** We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, through which You have brought forgiveness and reconciliation to the world.
- C** **Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us, look upon us with favor, and give us Your peace.**
- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.
- C** **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

No Benediction is spoken during this second Service of The Triduum.

The Pastors leave in silence. You are invited to keep a time of quiet prayer and meditation in this Sanctuary or in your home.



The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, March 31

Outdoor Sunrise Service – 7:30 am

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt – 9:20 am

Festival Divine Service – 10:00 am

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**God shows His love for us in that while we were
still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:8



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