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Good Friday

April 15, 2022

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

The restroom is located in the gym; exit the sanctuary through the left door behind the altar and follow the hallway down the stairs.

Concordia Church continues to follow Chicago Department of Health and CDC guidelines to ensure appropriate protocols are in place for the health and safety of our worshippers, leaders, and staff. Please visit www.concordiafaith.org for the latest updates.

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Stripping of the Altar

The altar is stripped, symbolic of our Lord's humiliation before his captors after his arrest. During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 22 is sung. The first verse of Psalm 22, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" is one of the seven last words Christ spoke from the Cross. You can follow the Psalm in the hymnal. Psalms are printed beginning on page 339.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading — Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

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All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Meditative Anthem "*It is a Thing Most Wonderful*" arr K. Lee Scott

Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross
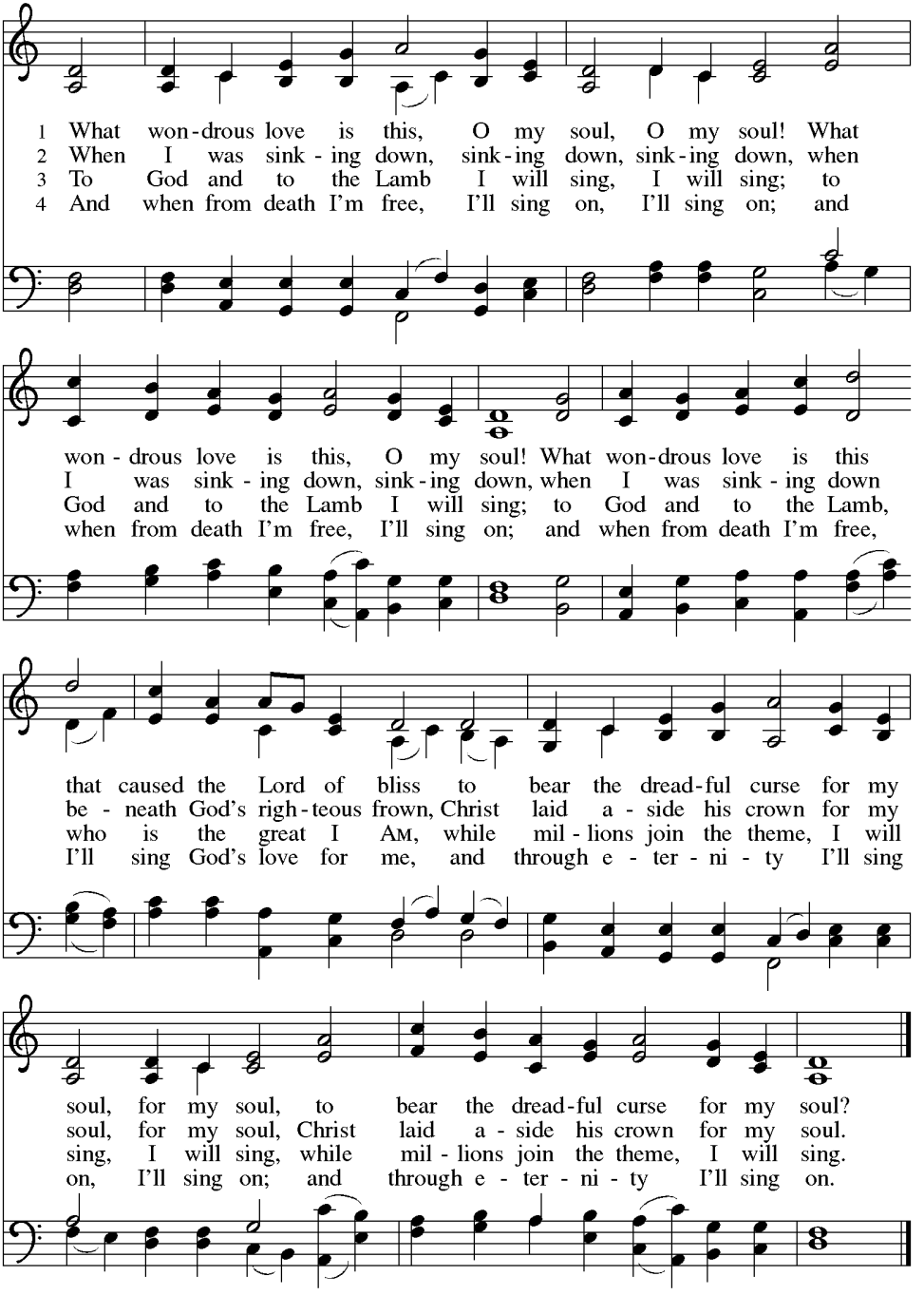
First of the Seven Last Words of Christ **Luke 23:32-38**

"Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not What They Do"

Reflection by Mark Croll

Silence for Reflection

Hymn ELW #666 "*What Wondrous Love is This*"



Second of the Seven Last Words of Christ **Luke 23:39-43**
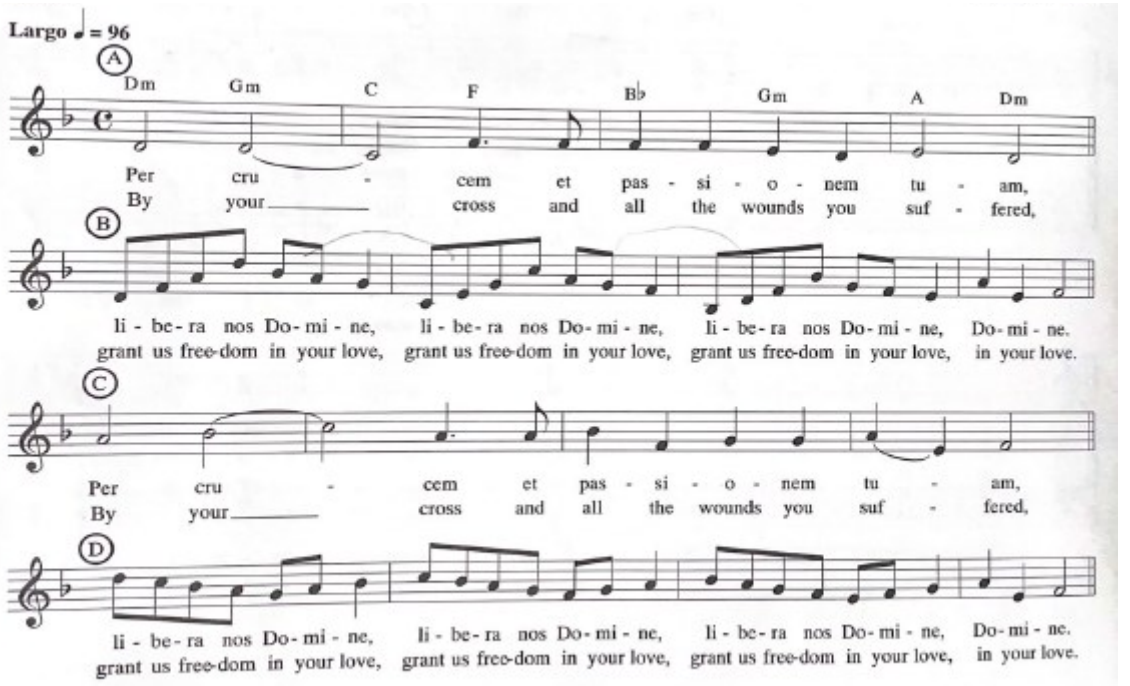
"Today, You Shall Be With Me in Paradise"

Reflection by *Lupe Neukirch*

Silence for Reflection

Taize **#12 *"By Your Cross"***

Sung 3x—Congregation joins second time through



Third of the Seven Last Words — John 19:23:-27
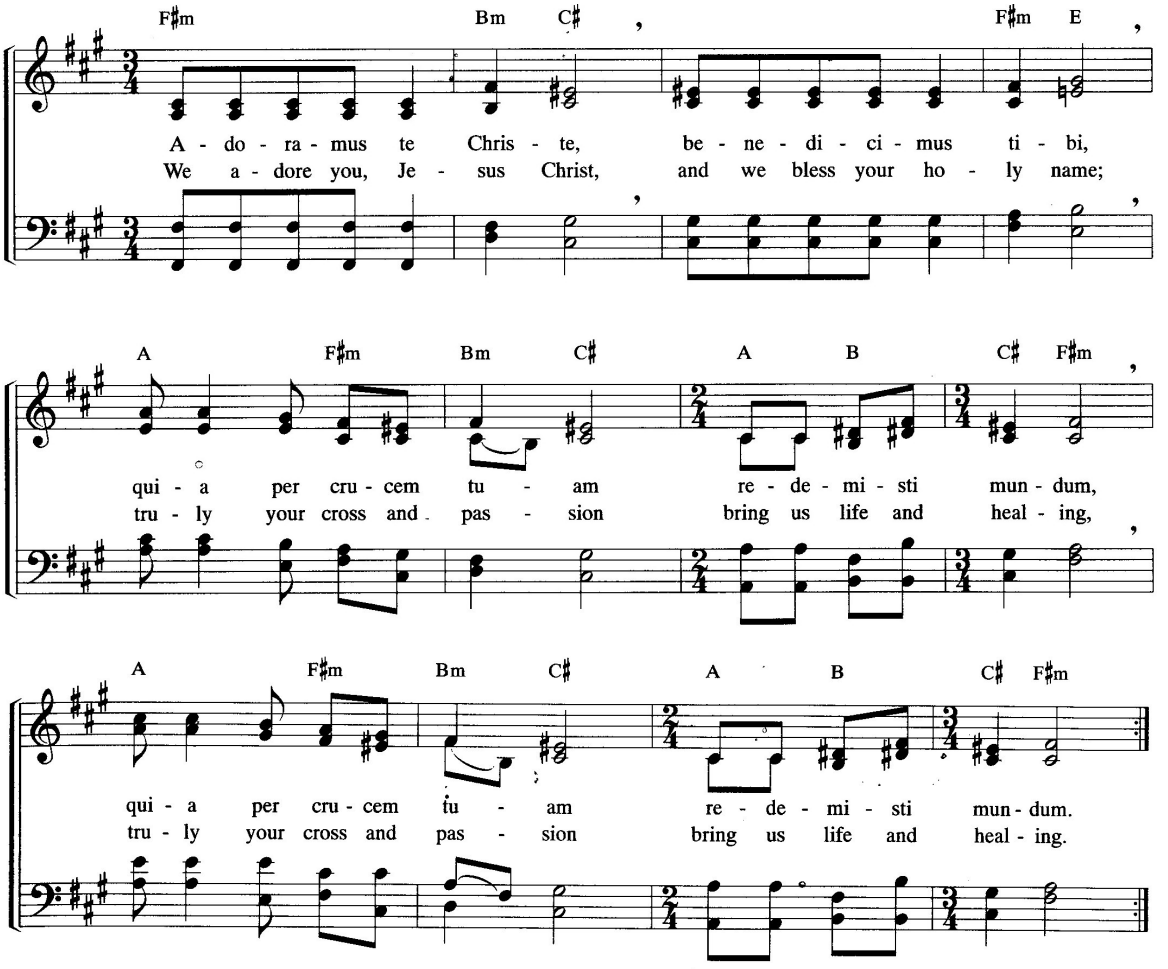
"Woman, Behold Thy Son"

Reflection by Bob Chandler

Silence for Reflection

Taize — #39 *We Adore You Jesus Christ*"

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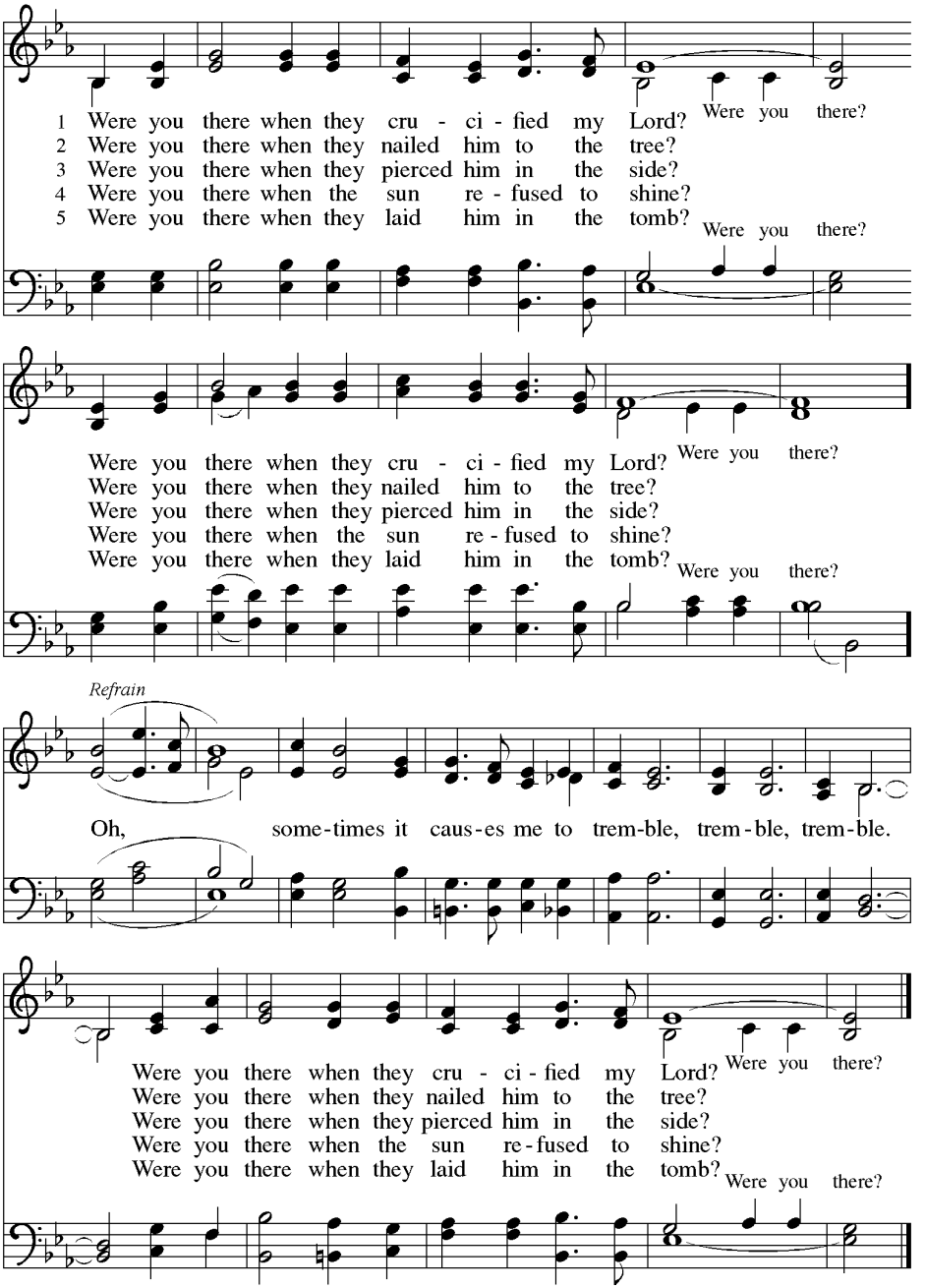
Fourth of the Seven Last Words of Christ **Matthew 27: 41, 45-49**

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Reflection by *Dan Formeller*

Silence for Reflection

Hymn **ELW #353" *Were You There?"***
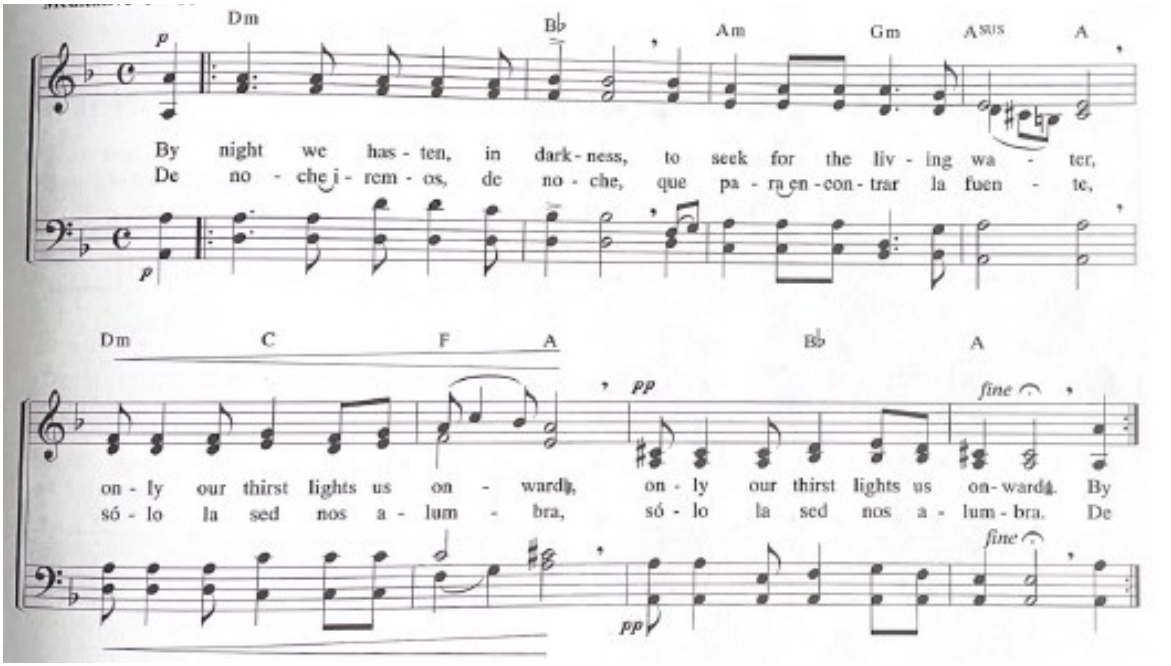


Fifth of the Seven Last Words of Christ **John 19: 28-29**
"I Thirst"

Reflection by Betsy Ries

Silence for Reflection

Taize **#46 *"By Night"***

Sung 3x—Congregation joins second time through



Sixth of the Seventh Last Words of Christ **John 19::30**
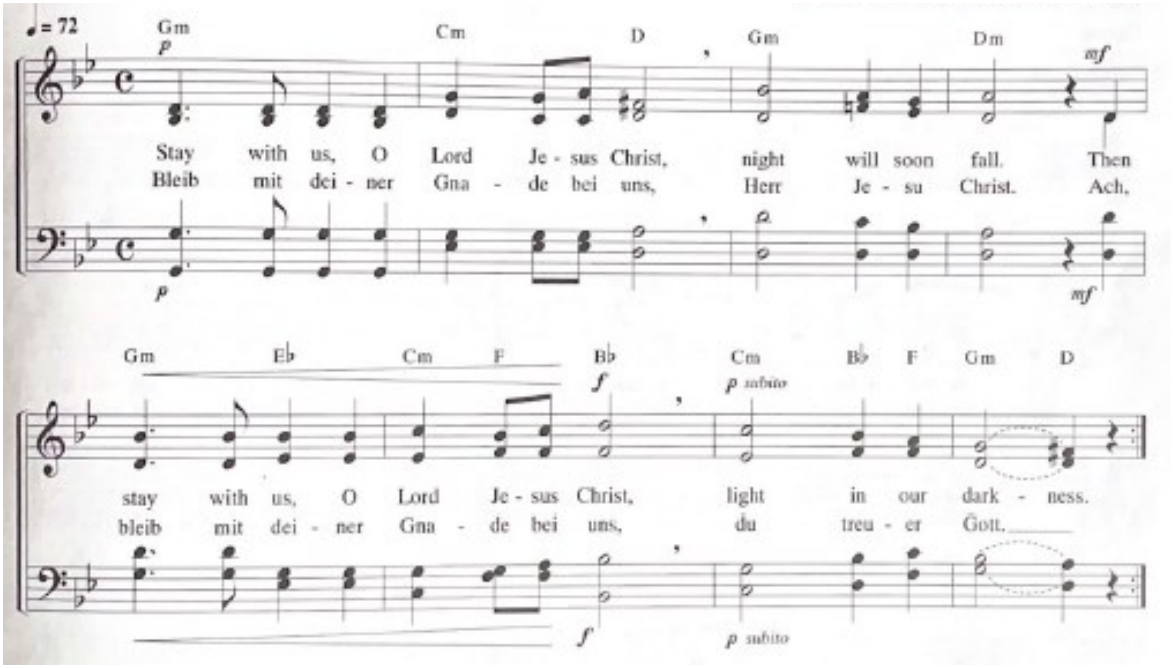
"It is Finished"

Reflection by Mark Neukirch

Silence for Reflection

Taize ***#46 "Stay With Us"***

Sung 3x—Congregation joins second time through
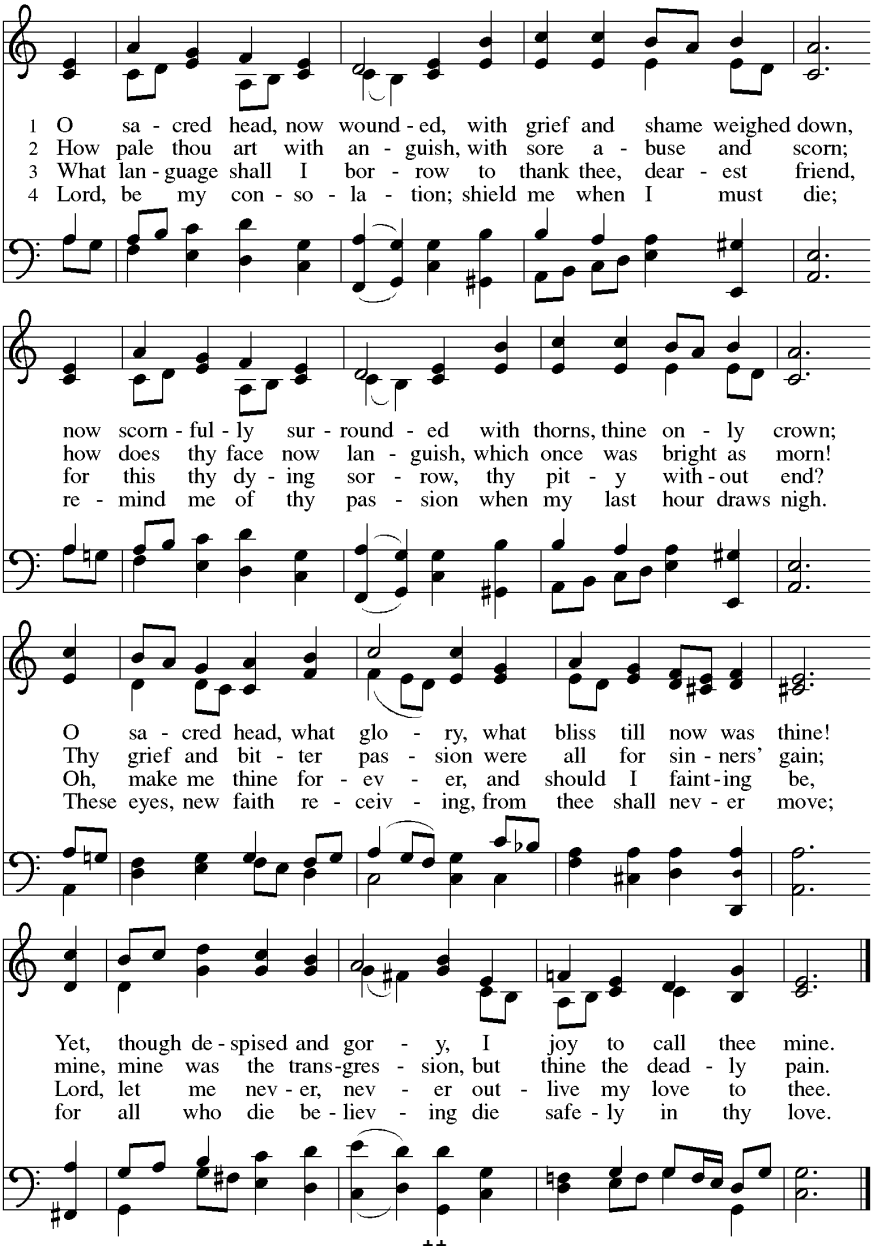


Seventh of the Last Words of Christ **Luke 23: 46-54**

"Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit"

Reflection by Holly Lauzze

Silence for Reflection

Hymn **ELW 351 *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"***



The Bidding Prayer

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

P: Let us pray for Bishop Eaton and Bishop Curry, for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

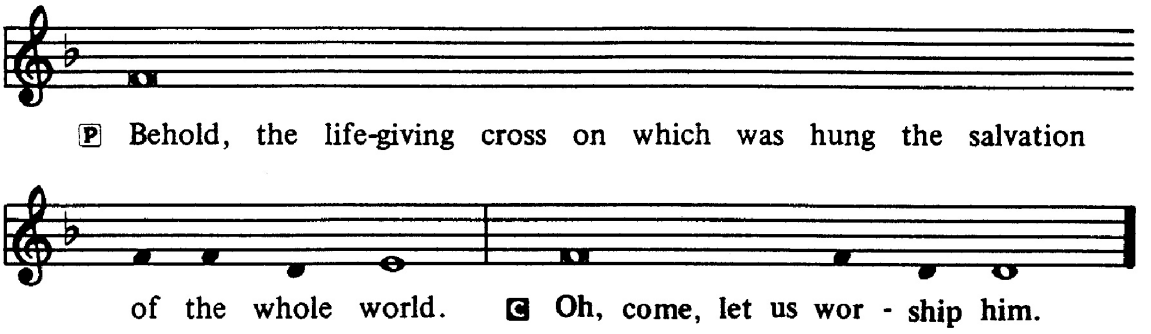
C: Amen

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.
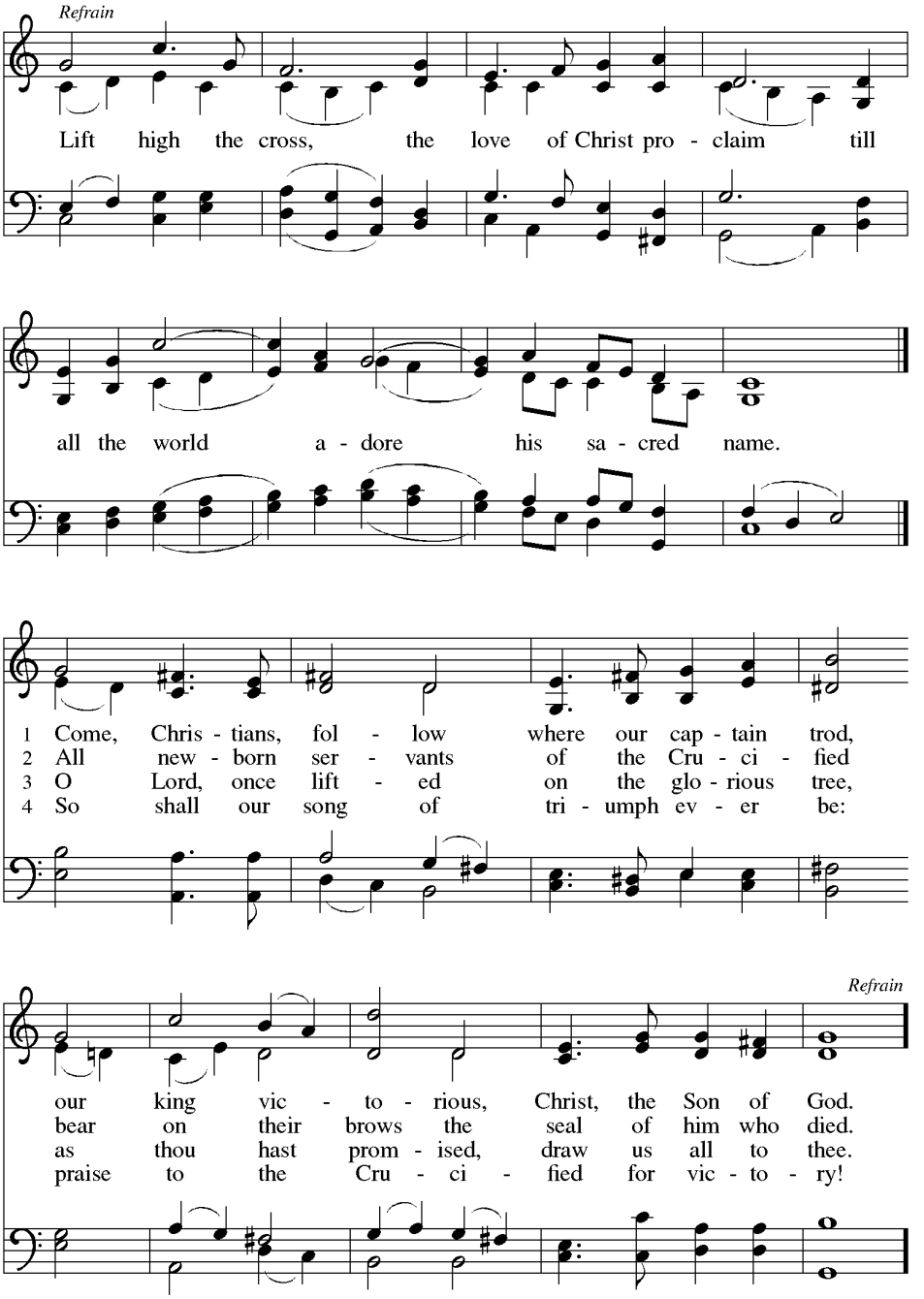
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Procession of the Cross

The following exclamation is sung three times as the Cross is processed to the altar.



Closing Hymn #660 "Lift High the Cross"



P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

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Holy Week & Easter

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Palm Sunday | Good Friday | Easter

Palm Sunday — April 10th at 10:00am

Join us in the Procession of Palms and hear the story of Christ's Passion as recorded in St. Luke

Good Friday—April 15th at 7:00pm

Reflections on the 7 last words of Christ on the cross

Easter Sunday—April 17th

Concert at 9:30am | Worship at 10:00am

Joyfully celebrate with us the Resurrection of our Lord!

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Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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Hymn #353 "*Were You There?*"

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual
Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

Hymn #351 "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*"

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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Closing Hymn #660 "*Lift High the Cross*"

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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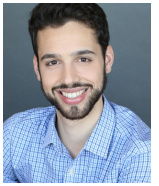
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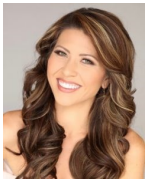
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