

# Christ Lutheran Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin

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Good Friday: 4/18/2025

Vespers Service

*The congregation and pastor enter in silence.*

*Stand*

## Opening Versicles

*Psalm 51:5; Psalm 70:1*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

*Sit*

## Introit

*Psalm 102:1–2, 12; antiphon: Isaiah 53:4a, 5a, 6a, c*



Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.\*

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities.

All we like sheep have | gone astray;\*

and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.

Hear my prayer, | O LORD;\*

let my cry | come to you!

Do not hide your face from me in the day of | my distress!\*

Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day | when I call!

But you, O LORD, are enthroned for- | ever;\*

you are remembered throughout all gener- | ations.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.\*

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities.

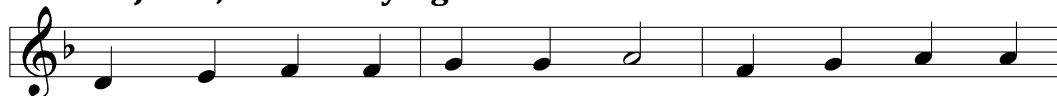
All we like sheep have | gone astray;\*

and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.


*A time of silence*

## Hymn: 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes


*LSB 447 sts. 19–21*



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and  
20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the  
21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and



con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:  
 tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:  
 grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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## Psalm 88

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- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my sal- | vation; \*  
 I cry out day and night be- | fore you.
- <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer come be- | fore you; \*  
 incline your ear | to my cry!
- <sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of | troubles, \*  
 and my life draws near | to Sheol.
- <sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down | to the pit; \*  
 I am a man who | has no strength,
- <sup>5</sup>like one set loose among the dead,  
 like the slain that lie | in the grave, \*  
 like those whom you remember no more,  
 for they are cut off | from your hand.
- <sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths | of the pit, \*  
 in the regions | dark and deep.
- <sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy up- | on me, \*  
 and you overwhelm me with | all your waves.
- <sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to | shun me; \*  
 you have made me a hor- | ror to them.
- I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through | sorrow. \*
- Every day I call upon you, O LORD;  
 I spread out my | hands to you.
- <sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders | for the dead? \*  
 Do the departed rise up to | praise you?
- <sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared | in the grave, \*  
 or your faithfulness in | Abaddon?
- <sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the | darkness, \*  
 or your righteousness in the land of for- | getfulness?
- <sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, | cry to you; \*  
 in the morning my prayer comes be- | fore you.
- <sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast my | soul away? \*  
 Why do you hide your | face from me?

- <sup>15</sup> Afflicted and close to death from my | youth up,\*  
I suffer your terrors; I am | helpless.
- <sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept | over me;\*  
your dreadful assaults de- | stroy me.
- <sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood | all day long;\*  
they close in on me to- | gether.
- <sup>18</sup> You have caused my beloved and my friend to | shun me;\*  
my companions have become | darkness.

## Hymn: 448 O Darkest Woe

LSB 448

1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has  
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -  
3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow That  
4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -

earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -  
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy  
on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His

on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.  
liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.  
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"  
sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

- 5 Such innocence!  
His countenance  
A fount of faith undying!  
Worlds on worlds cannot contain  
Grief at Him here lying.
- 6 O Virgin's Son,  
What Thou hast won  
Is far beyond all telling:  
How our God, detested, died,  
Hell and devil felling.
- 7 O Jesus Christ,  
Who sacrificed  
Thy life for lifeless mortals:  
Be my life in death and bring  
Me to heaven's portals!



- <sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- <sup>2</sup>For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;\*  
in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."
- <sup>3</sup>**You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;\***  
**I have sworn to David my | servant:**
- <sup>4</sup>**"I will establish your offspring for- | ever,\***  
**and build your throne for all gener- | ations.'"**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
- <sup>6</sup>For who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?\*
- Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
- <sup>7</sup>**a God greatly to be feared in the council of the | holy ones,\***  
**and awesome above all who are a- | round him?**
- <sup>8</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,**  
**who is mighty as you are, | O LORD,\***  
**with your faithfulness all a- | round you?**
- <sup>9</sup>You rule the raging | of the sea;\*,  
when its waves rise, you | still them.
- <sup>10</sup>You crushed Rahab like a | carcass;\*,  
you scattered your enemies with your | mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup>**The heavens are yours; the earth al- | so is yours;\***  
**the world and all that is in it, you have | founded them.**
- <sup>12</sup>**The north and the south, you have cre- | ated them;\***  
**Tabor and Hermon joyously | praise your name.**
- <sup>13</sup>You have a | mighty arm;\*,  
strong is your hand, high your | right hand.
- <sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;\*,  
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.
- <sup>15</sup>**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\***  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**
- <sup>16</sup>**who exult in your name | all the day\***  
**and in your righteousness are ex- | altèd.**
- <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength;\*,  
by your favor our horn is ex- | altèd.
- <sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
- <sup>19</sup>**Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:**  
**"I have granted help to one who is | mighty;\***  
**I have exalted one chosen from the | people.**
- <sup>20</sup>**I have found David, my | servant;\***  
**with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him,**
- <sup>21</sup>so that my hand shall be estab- | lished with him;\*,  
my arm also shall | strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup>The enemy shall not out- | wit him;\*,  
the wicked shall not | humble him.

<sup>23</sup>**I will crush his foes be- | fore him\***  
**and strike down those who | hate him.**  
<sup>24</sup>**My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall | be with him,\***  
**and in my name shall his horn be ex- | alted.**  
<sup>25</sup>**I will set his hand | on the sea\***  
**and his right hand on the | rivers.**  
<sup>26</sup>**He shall cry to me, ‘You are my | Father,\***  
**my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.’**  
<sup>27</sup>**And I will make him the | firstborn,\***  
**the highest of the kings | of the earth.**  
<sup>28</sup>**My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\***  
**and my covenant will stand | firm for him.**  
<sup>29</sup>**I will establish his offspring for- | ever\***  
**and his throne as the days of the | heavens.**  
<sup>30</sup>**If his children for- | sake my law\***  
**and do not walk according to my | just decrees,**  
<sup>31</sup>**if they violate my | statutes\***  
**and do not keep my com- | mandments,**  
<sup>32</sup>**then I will punish their transgression | with the rod\***  
**and their iniqui- | ty with stripes,**  
<sup>33</sup>**but I will not remove from him my | steadfast love\***  
**or be false to my | faithfulness.**  
<sup>34</sup>**I will not violate my | covenant\***  
**or alter the word that went forth | from my lips.**  
<sup>35</sup>**Once for all I have sworn by my | holiness;\***  
**I will not lie to | David.**  
<sup>36</sup>**His offspring shall endure for- | ever,\***  
**his throne as long as the sun be- | fore me.**  
<sup>37</sup>**Like the moon it shall be established for- | ever,\***  
**a faithful witness | in the skies.”**  
<sup>38</sup>**But now you have cast off and re- | jected;\***  
**you are full of wrath against your a- | nointed.**  
<sup>39</sup>**You have renounced the covenant with your | servant;\***  
**you have defiled his crown | in the dust.**  
<sup>40</sup>**You have breached | all his walls;\***  
**you have laid his strongholds in | ruins.**  
<sup>41</sup>**All who pass by | plunder him;\***  
**he has become the scorn of his | neighbors.**  
<sup>42</sup>**You have exalted the right hand | of his foes;\***  
**you have made all his ene- | mies rejoice.**  
<sup>43</sup>**You have also turned back the edge | of his sword,\***  
**and you have not made him stand in | battle.**  
<sup>44</sup>**You have made his splen- | dor to cease\***  
**and cast his throne | to the ground.**  
<sup>45</sup>**You have cut short the days | of his youth;\***  
**you have covered | him with shame.**  
<sup>46</sup>**How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself for- | ever?\***  
**How long will your wrath | burn like fire?**  
<sup>47</sup>**Remember how short my | time is!\***  
**For what vanity you have created all the chil- | dren of man!**  
<sup>48</sup>**What man can live and never | see death?\***

**Who can deliver his soul from the power | of Sheol?**

<sup>49</sup>Lord, where is your steadfast | love of old,\*  
which by your faithfulness you swore to | David?

<sup>50</sup>Remember, O Lord, how your ser- | vants are mocked,\*  
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many | nations,

<sup>51</sup>**with which your enemies mock, | O LORD,\***  
**with which they mock the footsteps of your a- | nointed.**

<sup>52</sup>**Blessèd be the LORD for- | ever!\***  
**Amen and | Amen.**

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

### Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*LSB 440*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,

Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above  
 Sing Your praise forever.

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**P** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup>They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

**Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

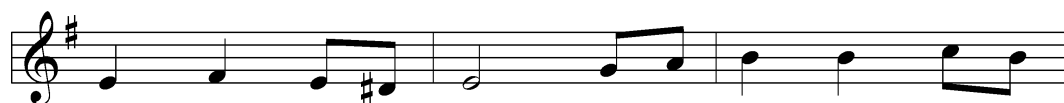
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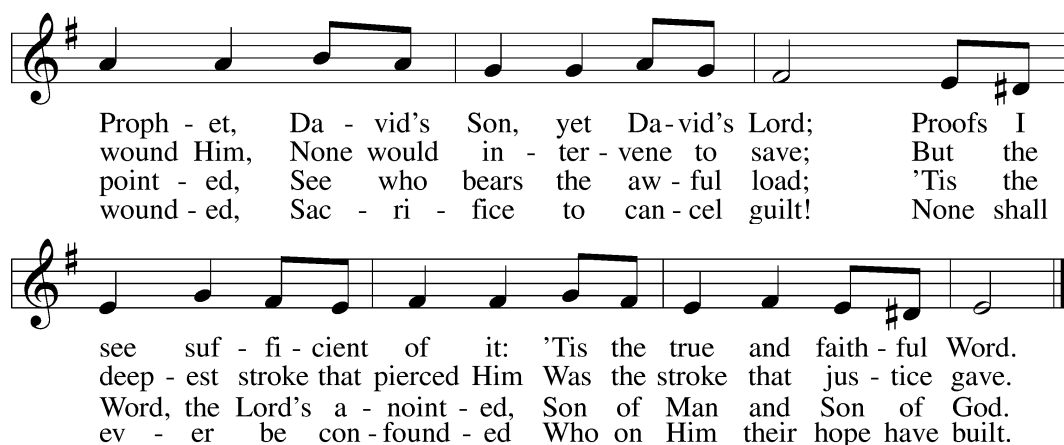
1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear, His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: 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  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 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  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis 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.  
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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## Stand

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came



bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

**1 John 2:1-2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1**



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
 2 Blessed is he whose  
     transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
   for the sins of the peo-ple.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 452 O Perfect Life of Love

**LSB 452**



- 1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

- 5 In perfect love He dies;  
     For me He dies, for me.  
 O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
     I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,  
     Before the judgment throne,  
 Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
     Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me  
     As Thou for me hast wrought;

And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Song of Habakkuk: 986 Song of Habakkuk

**LSB 986**

*Refrain*

I will re-joice in the LORD; I will take  
joy in the God of my sal-va-tion.

*Chant Tone*

O LORD, I have heard the re- port of You,  
and Your work, O LORD, do I fear.

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I have heard the re- | port of You,\*  
and Your work, O LORD, | do I fear.
- <sup>2</sup> In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years | make it known;\*  
in wrath remember | mercy.

#### *Refrain*

- <sup>3</sup> God came from | Teman,\*  
and the Holy One from Mount | Paran.
- <sup>4</sup> His splendor covered the | heavens,\*  
and the earth was full | of His praise.
- <sup>5</sup> His brightness was like the light; rays flashed | from His hand;\*  
and there He | veiled His power.
- <sup>6</sup> Before Him went | pestilence,\*  
and plague followed | at His heels.
- <sup>7</sup> He stood and mea- | sured the earth;\*  
He looked and shook the | nations;
- <sup>8</sup> then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills | sank low.\*  
His were the ever- | lasting ways.

#### *Refrain*

- <sup>9</sup> You went out for the salvation of Your | people,\*  
for the salvation of Your a- | nointed.

<sup>10</sup> You crushed the head of the house of the | wicked,\*  
laying him bare from | thigh to neck.

<sup>11</sup> Yet I will rejoice | in the LORD;\*  
I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.

<sup>12</sup> God, the LORD, is my strength; He makes my feet | like the deer's;\*  
He makes me tread on my high | places.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

### *Refrain*

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*Kneel/Stand*

## Prayers

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.**

**P** 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.**

*The final candle is removed from the Chancel and brought down the center aisle. The Strepitus Sounds*

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

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