

# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

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*Good Friday*



*In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.*



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## A Prayer to Begin Worship

Gracious God, on this solemn day we remember the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world. Quiet our hearts, lead us to repentance, and help us trust in the mercy won for us at the cross. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Tenebrae

## Prelude

## Hymn

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*LSB 440*

- 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.**
- 2 **Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.**
- 3 **Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.**
- 4 **Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?**
- 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** Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## First Nocturn

**P** The kings revolt; their rulers plot together against the Lord and against the king He chose.

### Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against His anointed, saying,  
“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
Then He will speak to them in His wrath,  
and terrify them in His fury, saying,  
“As for Me, I have set My King  
on Zion, My Holy hill.”  
I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are My Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”  
Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
Kiss the Son,  
lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for His wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

**C** The kings revolt; their rulers plot together against the Lord and against the king He chose.

**P** Proud men are coming to attack me; cruel men are trying to kill me.

### Psalm 54

O God, save me, by Your name,  
and vindicate me by Your might.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.  
For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.  
Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in Your faithfulness put an end to them.  
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;  
I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
For He has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**C Proud men are coming to attack me; cruel men are trying to kill me.**

**P** I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

### Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God,  
for in You I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from You."  
As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.  
The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
You hold my lot.  
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.  
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.  
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let Your Holy one see corruption.  
You make known to me the path of life;  
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C I am always aware of the Lord's presence; He is near, and nothing can shake me.**

**P** Christ Himself carried our sins in His body to the cross,

**C So that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by His wounds that we may be healed.**

*Stand*

### Lord's Prayer *(softly spoken)*

**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.**

*Sit*

### Hymn

### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*LSB 425*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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### **Lamentations 2:8-11**

The Lord determined to lay in ruins  
the wall of the daughter of Zion;  
He stretched out the measuring line;  
He did not restrain His hand from destroying;  
He caused rampart and wall to lament;  
they languished together.  
Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
He has ruined and broken her bars;  
her king and princes are among the nations;  
the law is no more,  
and her prophets find  
no vision from the Lord.  
The elders of the daughter of Zion  
sit on the ground in silence;  
they have thrown dust on their heads  
and put on sackcloth;  
the young women of Jerusalem  
have bowed their heads to the ground.  
My eyes are spent with weeping;  
my stomach churns;  
my bile is poured out to the ground  
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,  
because infants and babies faint  
in the streets of the city.

**P** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord, your God!

**C** Even my best friend, the one I trusted most, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

### **Lamentations 2:13-15**

What can I say for you, to what compare you,  
O daughter of Jerusalem?  
What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you,  
O virgin daughter of Zion?  
For your ruin is vast as the sea;  
who can heal you?  
Your prophets have seen for you  
false and deceptive visions;  
they have not exposed your iniquity  
to restore your fortunes,  
but have seen for you oracles  
that are false and misleading.  
All who pass along the way  
clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads

at the daughter of Jerusalem;  
“Is this the city that was called  
the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?”

**P** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord, your God!

**C** **The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch**

### **Lamentations 3:1-9**

I am the man who has seen affliction  
under the rod of His wrath;  
He has driven and brought me  
into darkness without any light;  
surely against me He turns His hand  
again and again the whole day long.  
He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;  
He has broken my bones;  
He has besieged and enveloped me  
with bitterness and tribulation;  
He has made me dwell in darkness  
like the dead of long ago.  
He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;  
He has made my chains heavy;  
though I call and cry for help,  
He shuts out my prayer;  
He has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;  
He has made my paths crooked.

**P** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord, your God!

**C** **Behold, the hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful men.**

**Hymn**

### **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

*LSB 438*

*Stanzas 1 & 2)*

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies, “All this I gladly suffer.”**
  
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.  
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father said, “And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation.”**

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### **Second Nocturn**

**P** I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

### **Psalm 88**

O Lord, God of my salvation;  
I cry out day and night before You.

Let my prayer come before You;  
incline Your ear to my cry!  
For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.  
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I am a man who has no strength,  
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.  
You have put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.  
Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and You overwhelm me with all Your waves.  
You have caused my companions to shun me;  
You have made me a horror to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call upon You, O Lord;  
I spread out my hands to You.  
Do You work wonders for the dead?  
Do the departed rise up to praise You?  
Is Your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or Your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
Are Your wonders known in the darkness,  
or Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?  
But I, O Lord, cry to You;  
in the morning my prayer comes before You.  
O Lord, why do You cast my soul away?  
Why do You hide Your face from me?  
Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer Your terrors; I am helpless.  
Your wrath has swept over me;  
Your dreadful assaults destroy me.  
They surround me like a flood all day long;  
they close in on me together.  
You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;  
my companions have become darkness.

**C** I am closed in and cannot escape; my eyes are weak from suffering.

**P** Hear me, Lord, when I call to You! Be merciful and answer me!

### **Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in His temple.  
For He will hide me in His shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;  
He will lift me high upon a rock.  
And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in His tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek My face."  
My heart says to You,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
Hide not Your face from me.  
Turn not Your servant away in anger,  
O You who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the Lord will take me in.  
Teach me Your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

**C** Hear me, Lord, when I call to You! Be merciful and answer me!

**P** When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; You alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

#### **Psalm 4**

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!  
O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?  
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?  
But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to Him.  
Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.  
Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?  
Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!"  
You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.  
In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

- C** When I Lie down, I go to sleep in peace; You alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.
- P** Christ Himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in His steps.
- C** He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from His lips. When He was insulted, He did not answer back with and insult; when He suffered, He did not threaten.

*Stand*

**Lord's Prayer** (*softly spoken*)

- 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.

*Sit*

Hymn

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

(*Stanzas 1-5; 15*)

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee; With cruel mockings to the cross  
they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish? It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must  
languish; Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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*Stand*

**Readings from the Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist**  
**John 19:17-22**

So they took charge of Jesus and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull,

which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." 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. 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.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

**P** He was treated harshly, but He endured it humbly; He never said a word.

**C** Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, He never said a word.

### John 19:23-27

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, 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, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**P** We despised and rejected Him, He endured suffering and pain.

**C** No one would even look at Him - we ignored Him as if He were nothing.

### John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**P** All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

**C** But the Lord made the punishment fall on Him, the punishment all of us deserved.

*Sit*

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

## Offering

*[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]*

## Special Offering Music

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Kristin Campbell

## Third Nocturn

**P** My enemy has put Me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

## Psalm 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with Your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before You.  
For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.  
Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.  
I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that You have done;  
I ponder the work of Your hands.  
I stretch out my hands to You;  
my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.  
Answer me quickly, O Lord!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not Your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.  
Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,  
for in You I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to You I lift up my soul.  
Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!  
I have fled to You for refuge!  
Teach me to do Your will,  
for You are my God!  
Let Your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!  
For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!  
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!  
And in Your steadfast love You will cut off my enemies,  
and You will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,  
for I am Your servant.

**C** My enemy has put me in a dark prison; I am in deep despair.

**P** Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

## Psalm 59

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;  
protect me from those who rise up against me;  
deliver me from those who work evil,  
and save me from bloodthirsty men.

For behold, they lie in wait for my life;  
fierce men stir up strife against me.  
For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord,  
for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.  
Awake, come to meet me, and see!  
You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel.  
Rouse Yourself to punish all the nations;  
spare none of those who treacherously plot evil.  
Each evening they come back,  
howling like dogs  
and prowling about the city.  
There they are, bellowing with their mouths  
with swords in their lips—  
for “Who,” they think, “will hear us?”  
But You, O Lord, laugh at them;  
You hold all the nations in derision.  
O my Strength, I will watch for You,  
for You, O God, are my fortress.  
My God in His steadfast love will meet me;  
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.  
Kill them not, lest my people forget;  
make them totter by Your power and bring them down,  
O Lord, our shield!  
For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,  
let them be trapped in their pride.  
For the cursing and lies that they utter,  
consume them in wrath;  
consume them till they are no more,  
that they may know that God rules over Jacob  
to the ends of the earth.  
Each evening they come back,  
howling like dogs  
and prowling about the city.  
They wander about for food  
and growl if they do not get their fill.  
But I will sing of Your strength;  
I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.  
For You have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of my distress.  
O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,  
for You, O God, are my fortress,  
the God who shows me steadfast love.

**C** Save me from my enemies, my God; protect me from those who attack me!

**P** Show us Your constant love, O Lord, and give us Your saving help.

### **Psalm 85**

Lord, You were favorable to Your land;  
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of Your people;  
You covered all their sin.  
You withdrew all Your wrath;  
You turned from Your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away Your indignation toward us!  
Will You be angry with us forever?  
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?  
Will You not revive us again,  
that Your people may rejoice in You?  
Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us Your salvation.  
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.  
Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.  
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before Him  
and make His footsteps a way.

**C** Show us Your constant love, O Lord, and give us Your saving help.

**P** Christ died for our sins once for all, a good Man on behalf of sinners.

**C** In order to lead us to God.

*Stand*

**Lord's Prayer** (*softly spoken*)

**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.

*Sit*

Hymn

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

## Readings from the New Testament letter to Hebrews

### Hebrews 4:12-15

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**P** He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne.

**C** He was put to death for the sins of our people.

### Hebrews 4:16–5:5

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since He himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, “You are My Son,  
today I have begotten You”;

**P** Because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

**C** We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received.

### Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

**P** Is it nothing to you, all who pass by?

**C** Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

## Hymn

### Go to Dark Gethsemane

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- 1** Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2** Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3** Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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## Conclusion

**P** God did not even keep back His own Son, but offered Him up for us all.

## Psalm 51

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**C** Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

**C** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**P** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**C** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**C** Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**P** then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

**P** He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – His death on the cross.

*The lights are turned off.*

## Hymn

## The Power of the Cross

**Oh, 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.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**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.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh 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.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

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*(The Christ candle is removed.)*

**P** Almighty God, we ask that You look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; *(These words are whispered:)* who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

(The strepitus is heard, a noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake. Then the Christ candle is brought back into the chancel, in anticipation of the Lord's resurrection. All leave in silence.)

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#### **THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM
Sat.	Easter Vigil Service	7:00 PM
Sun.	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 – 9:00 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM