PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Good Friday Service

Good Friday
April 18, 2025

During the Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers, there will be pauses for silent meditation during which the seven candles will be extinguished one by one. The last candle is left lit until the end of the 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

Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

[10]Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
[11]Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
[12]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.

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

A candle is extinguished.

Special Music **"When I Behold Jesus Christ"** **POP Small Group**

Reading: Psalm 31 *Psalm 31*

[1]In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
[2]Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

[3]For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
[4]you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
[5]Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

[6]I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.
[7]I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,

[8]and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.

[9]Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.
[10]For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.

[11]Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
[12]I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
[13]For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

[14]But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
[15]My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
[16]Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
[17]O LORD, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon you;
let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.
[18]Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak insolently against the righteous
in pride and contempt.

[19]Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you

and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!
20 In the cover of your presence you hide them
from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter
from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessèd be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.
22 I had said in my alarm,
"I am cut off from your sight."
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.

23 Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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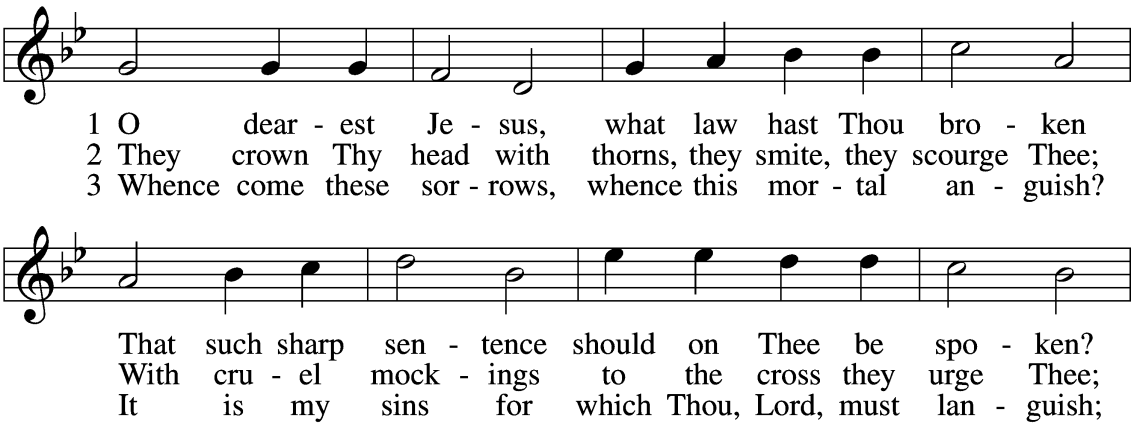
439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *LSB 439*



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Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
14 As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
15 so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.
1 Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 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,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
and afflicted.
[5]But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
[6]All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
[7]He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
[8]By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
[9]And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
[10]Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
[11]Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
[12]Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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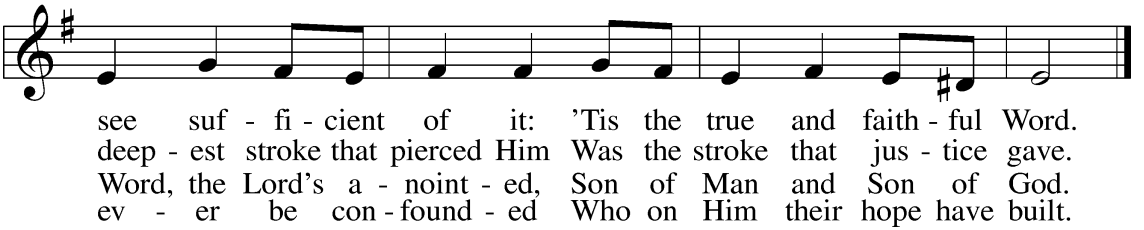
451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *LSB 451*



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Reading: Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

14 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. 15 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. 16 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. . . .

7 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. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he
suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all
who obey him.

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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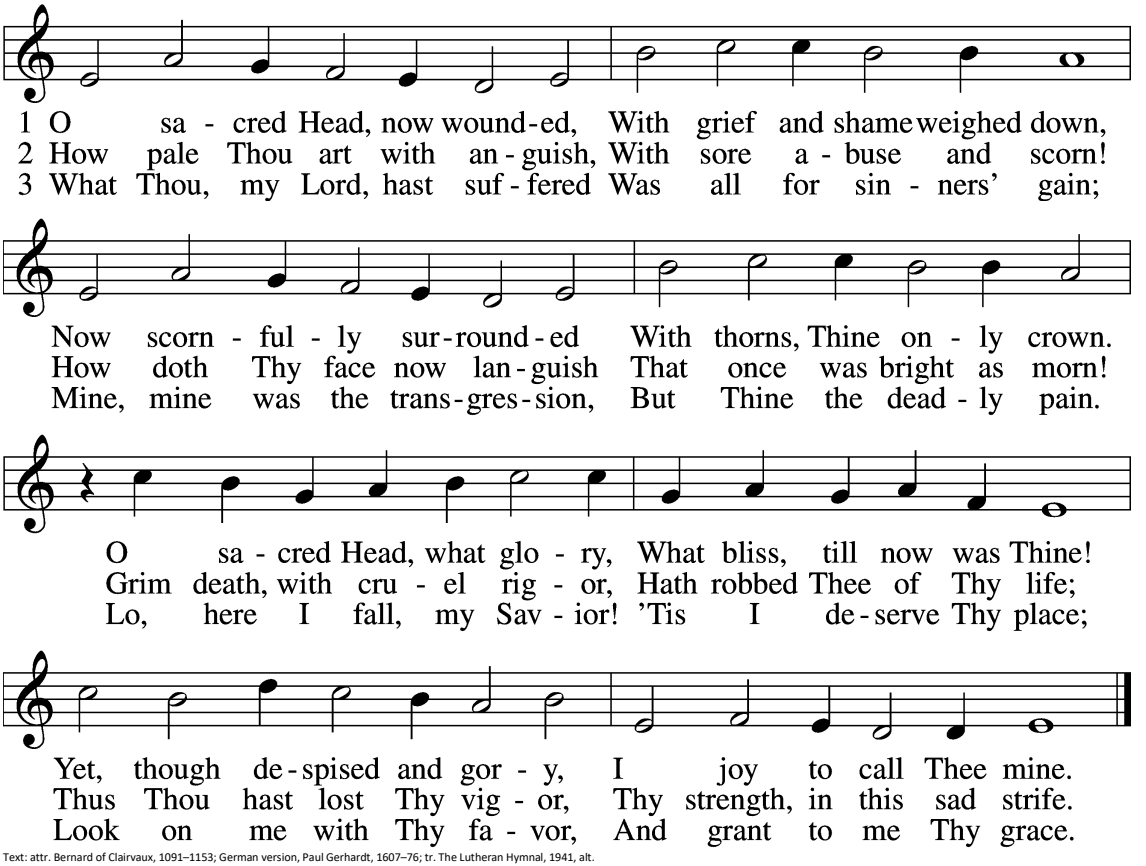
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450



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Introduction to Readings

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

[1]Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. [2]And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. [3]They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. [4]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." [5]So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" [6]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.” [7]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.” [8]When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. [9]He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. [10]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?” [11]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.”

[12]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.” [13]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. [14]Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” [15]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.” [16]So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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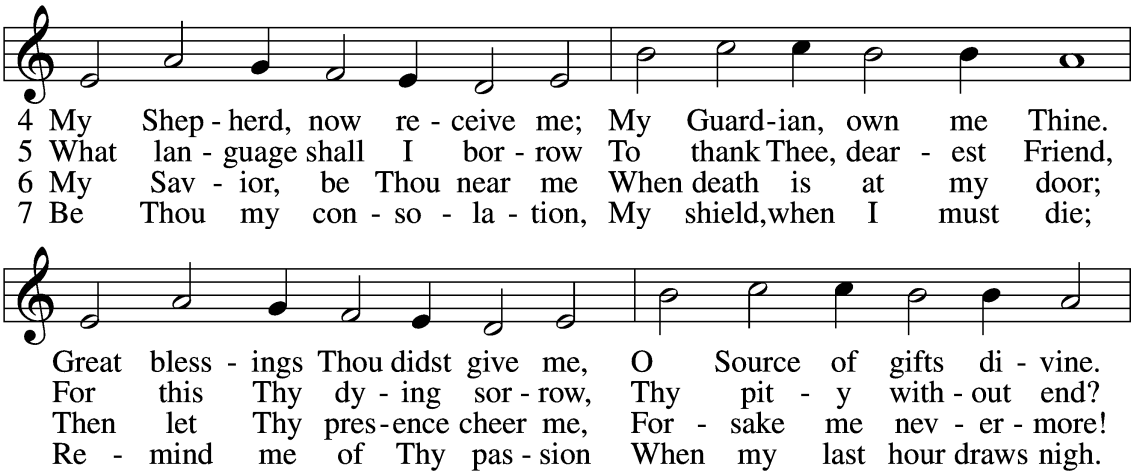
450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *LSB 450*



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Stand

So they took Jesus, [17]and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. [18]There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [19]Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." [20]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. [21]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.'" [22]Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

[23]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, [24]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, [25]but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his

mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” [27]Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

[28]After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” [29]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. [30]When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[31]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. [32]So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. [33]But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34]But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. [35]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. [36]For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” [37]And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

[38]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. [39]Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. [40]So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. [41]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. [42]So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A candle is extinguished.

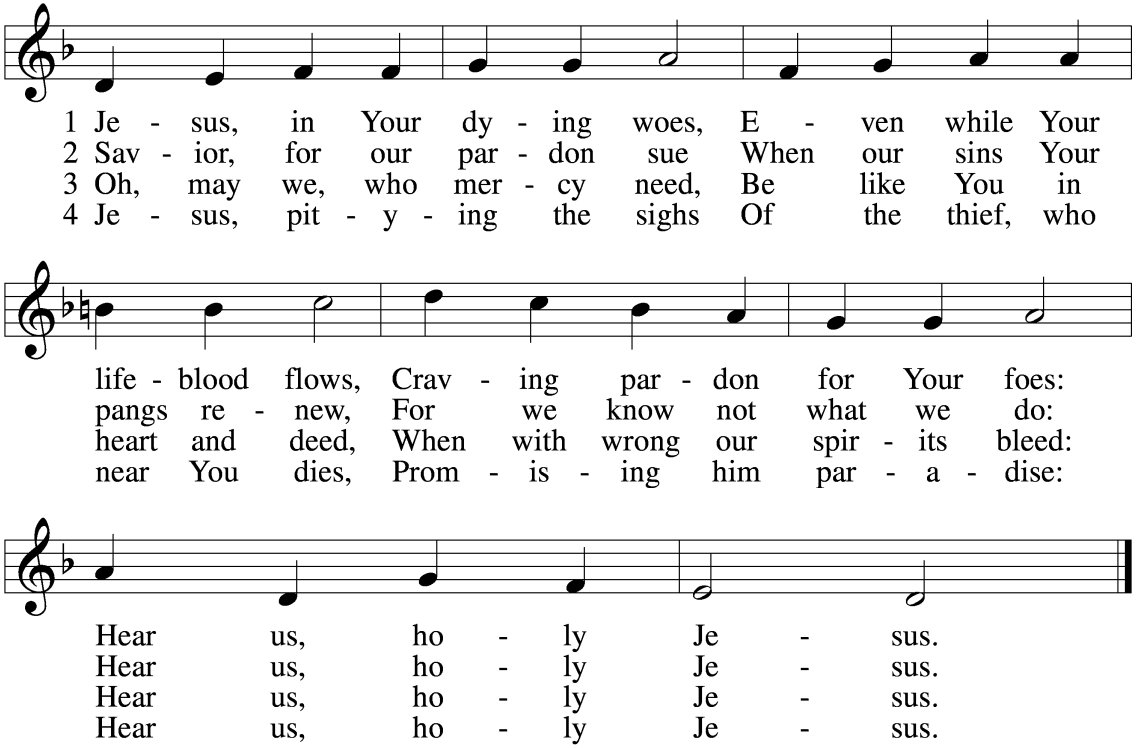
Responsory *1 John 2:1–2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1*

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Sit

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447*

First Word, Second Word after stanza 3



5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

6 May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

7 **Third Word: John 19:26–27**
Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

10 **Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34**
Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

13 **Fifth Word: John 19:28**
Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

16 **Sixth Word: John 19:30**
Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your suff'rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

17 Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

18 Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

19 **Seventh Word: Luke 23:46**
Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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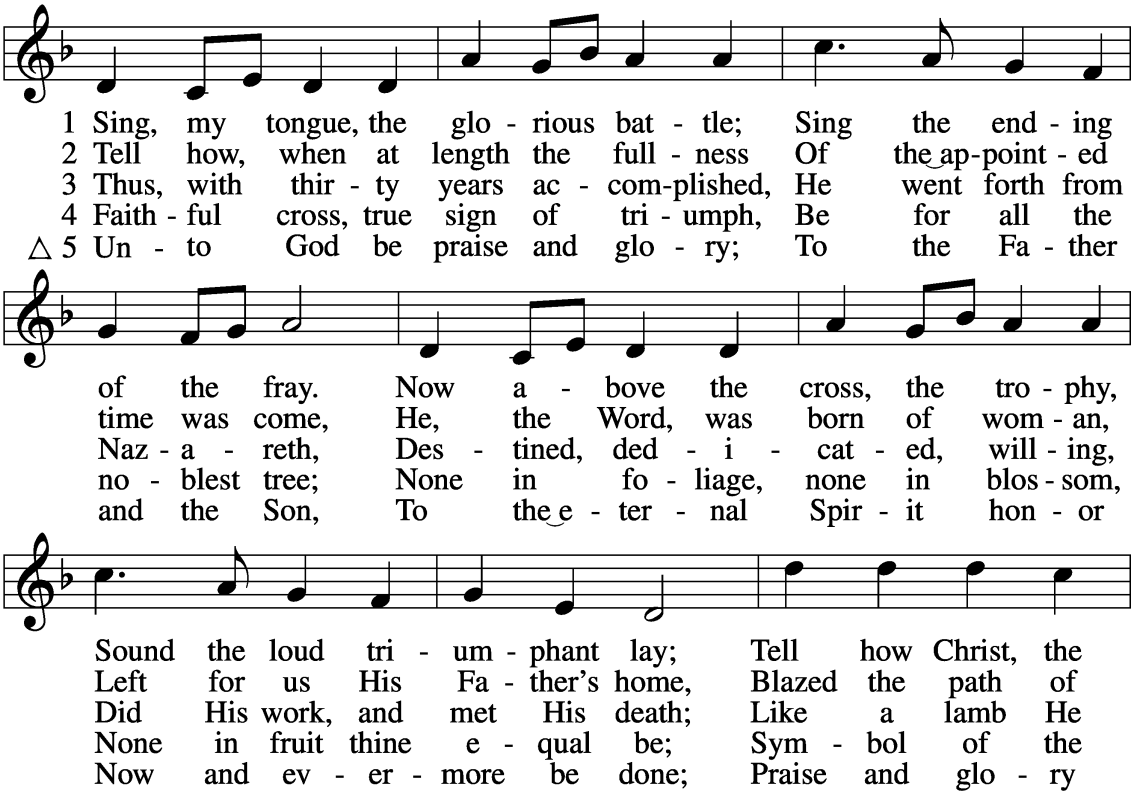
Sermon **"The Source of Eternal Salvation" Hebrews 5:7-9**

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle *LSB 454*



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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Offering

Stand

Prayers

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collect of the Day

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to 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.**

Concluding Collect

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.**

Silent meditation as the final candle is extinguished.

The Strepitus

Strepitus means “loud noise.” It symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matthew 27:51) at Jesus’ death, and foreshadows the “violent earthquake” (Matthew 28:2) at the opening of Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning. Following the Strepitus, the congregation leaves in silence.

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