



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Good Friday

April 3, 2026 7pm

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER HIS SANCTURARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH THIS WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**



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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord’s Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

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**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**TODAY’S THEME** – **The Words of Christ on the Cross, with the Message in Readings and Music**

***Offering – Quietly place offerings and attendance card with prayer requests in plates as you depart this evening.***

**Psalm 22:1–31**



<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*  
and by night, but I | find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

**<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

**<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

**8“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\***  
**let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

**10On you was I cast | from my birth,\***  
**and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

**12Many bulls en- | compass me;\***  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

**14I am poured out like water, and all my bones are | out of joint;\***  
**my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
you lay me in the | dust of death.

**16For dogs en- | compass me;\***  
**a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*  
they stare and gloat | over me;

**18they divide my garments a- | mong them,\***  
**and for my clothing they | cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

**20Deliver my soul | from the sword,\***  
**my precious life from the power | of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**22I will tell of your name to my | brothers,\***  
**in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!

**24For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,**  
**and he has not hidden his | face from him,\***  
**but has heard, when he | cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

**26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\***  
**May your hearts live for- | ever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

**28For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\***  
**and he rules over the | nations.**

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship,\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

## Invocation and Prayer

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously be with us for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our forgiveness and life may also glory in His call to take up our cross and follow Him; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wonderous cross,  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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?

***CHORUS: O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!***

***Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.***

***O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!***

***All who gather here, by grace draw near,  
And bless Your Name.....***

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. ***CHORUS***

***ENDING:*** Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## Reading

*John 18:28—19:16*

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What

have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

<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.

So they took Jesus,

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

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Throughout these days of Lent, we have solemnly and reflectively followed Jesus' mission for the salvation of the world. Tonight as we confront the culmination of Jesus' Passion, we are compelled to face the harsh reality of our sin and the brokenness that it brings.

**C** **Lord God, we need Your grace. We need Your forgiveness. We have failed to follow Your will. We have refused to obey Your law. We are unable to fulfill Your plan. We are crushed under the weight of our sin, and tonight the harsh reality of sin's horror hangs heavy around us. It is sin that made the cross necessary. It is our sin that required the Savior's death. Lord, we need Your grace. We need Your forgiveness.**

**P** We need a Savior. It was sin that made the cross necessary, but it was love that drove Jesus to the cross and held Him there. It was love for you. Because of His love and His perfect sacrifice, your sins have been covered. The debt has been paid. The burden has been removed. As you hear and experience that reality tonight, you know throughout that you have God's grace. You have God's forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

## The First Word

Luke 23:32–34

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

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

## Prayer

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for the forgiveness of those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in Your peace.      **C** Amen.

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I gladly take my stand:  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus  
My eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess-  
The wonders of His glorious love  
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face,  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross.

## The Second Word

Luke 23:35–43

<sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

## Prayer

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

### The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross  
where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain
2. O that old rugged cross,  
so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary **CHORUS**

**CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

3. In the old rugged cross,  
stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me **CHORUS**
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share **CHORUS**

## The Third Word

*John 19:25–27*

<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.

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

## Prayer

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children know peace and that relationships be restored. **C Amen.**

### Above All

Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what You're worth

**Crucified, laid behind the stone  
You lived to die, rejected and alone  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me above all**

## The Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-47

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

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

## Prayer

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

## O God, Forsake Me Not



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;  
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir-it from me;  
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup-pli-ca-tion!  
4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for-ev-er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho-ly Spir-it send me  
Do not per-mit the might Of sin to o-ver-come me.  
In ev-'ry e-vil hour Help me re-sist temp-ta-tion;  
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev-er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
In-crease my fee-ble faith, Which You a-lone have wrought.  
And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,  
Grant me a bless-ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!  
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!  
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!  
Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

## Apostles Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **O The Blood** *sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann*

O the blood crimson love  
Price of life's demand  
Shameful sin placed on Him  
The Hope of ev'ry man

**CHORUS: O the blood of Jesus washes me**

**O the blood of Jesus shed for me**

**What a sacrifice that saved my life**

**Yes the blood it is my victory**

Savior Son Holy One  
Slain so I can live

O see the Lamb the great I Am  
Who takes away my sin

**BRIDGE:** O the blood of the Lamb

O the blood of the Lamb

O the blood of the Lamb

The precious blood of the Lamb

What a sacrifice that saved my life

Yes the blood it is my victory

O what love no greater love

Grace how can it be

That in my sin yes even then

He shed His blood for me

**ENDING:** What a sacrifice that saved my life

Yes the blood it is my victory

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## The Fifth Word

*John 19:28–29*

<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.

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

## Prayer

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

**C** Amen.

## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



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 - spect - 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.

## The Sixth Word

*John 19:29-30*

<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.

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

## Prayer

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

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

## The Seventh Word

*Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:51*

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,  
<sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Prayer

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

**C** Amen.

## The Power of the Cross sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann

1. 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.

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

2. Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. ***CHORUS***

3. Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
Quakes as it's Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the victory cry. ***CHORUS***

4. 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.

***FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross;  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven!  
At the cross.***

### Reading

*John 19:38–42*

<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. **G** Thanks be to God.

### Lord's Prayer

**G** 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.

**Streptitus** – *The loud, sudden sound following the Lord's Prayer is to symbolize the death of Jesus and the closing of the tomb. As we depart from this service in silent meditation, we remember our need for deliverance and forgiveness and the price paid for achieving and fulfilling God's promises. It is finished.*

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**Silence for Meditation... Please depart in silence.**

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