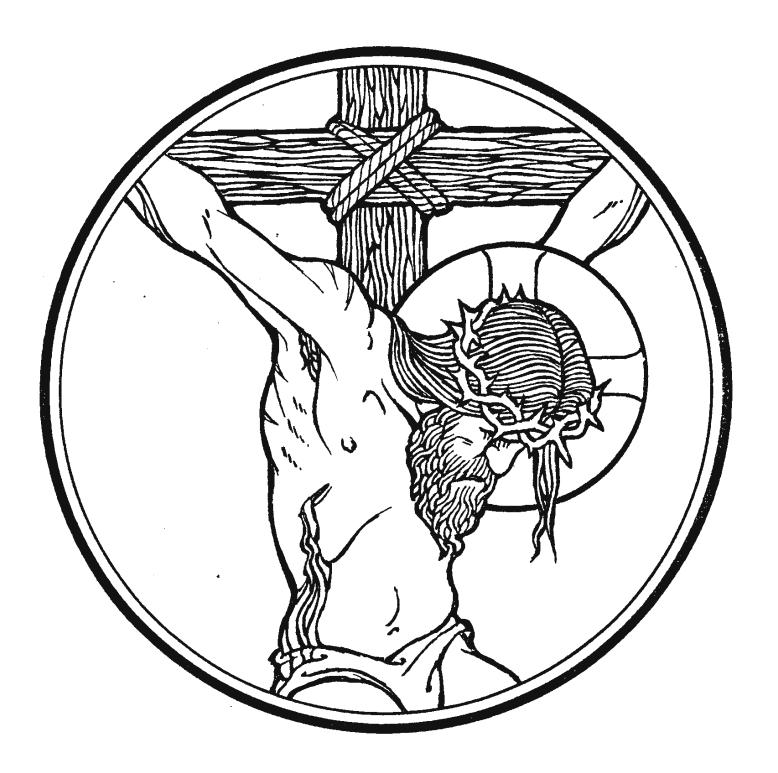
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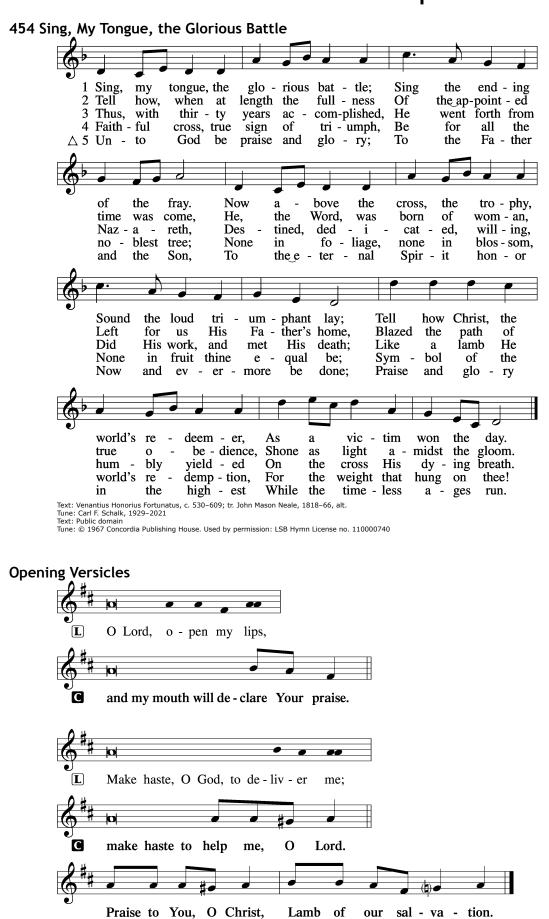
Good Friday April 18, 2025



The Crucifixion

John 18 & 19

# +Tenebrae Vespers+



Lamb of

our sal - va - tion.

<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. 4In 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. <sup>10</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;\* strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me; 13they open wide their | mouths at me,\* like a ravening and roaring | lion. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>16</sup>For 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; <sup>18</sup>they 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! <sup>20</sup>Deliver 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! <sup>22</sup>I 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! <sup>24</sup>For 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.

<sup>28</sup>For 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.

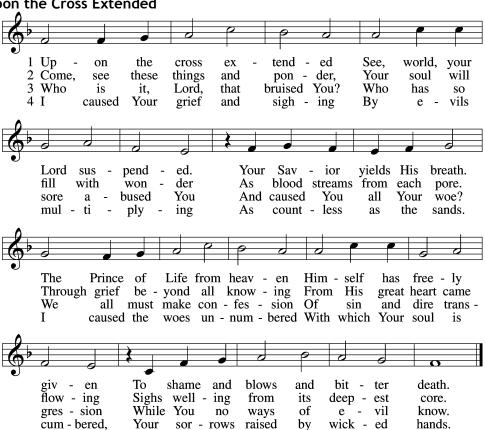
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*

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

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

A candle is extinguished.





- Your soul in griefs unbounded,
   Your head with thorns surrounded,
   You died to ransom me.
   The cross for me enduring,
   The crown for me securing,
   You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever, I am no longer mine. To You I gladly tender

All that my life can render And all I have to You resign.

7 Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me, Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending, Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.

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Reading John 18:1–18

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

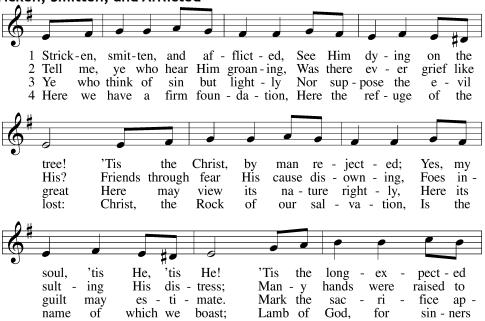
<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

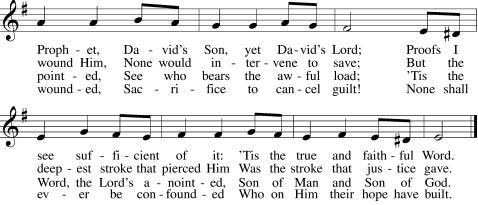
<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

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

A candle is extinguished.

#### 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted





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Reading John 18:19–40

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

**Special Music** 

"Crucify This Man!"
Adult Choir

Reading John 19:1–27

<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, <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,

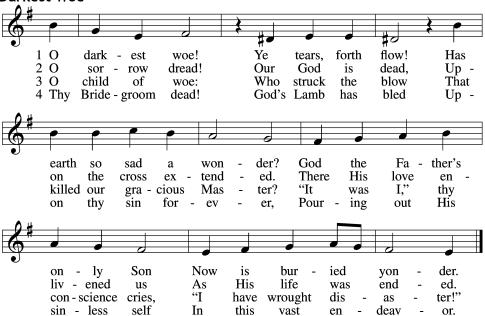
"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

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.

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

A candle is extinguished.

# 448 O Darkest Woe



- 5 Such innocence!
  - His countenance

A fount of faith undying! Worlds on worlds cannot contain Grief at Him here lying.

O Virgin's Son,
 What Thou hast won
 Is far beyond all telling:
 How our God, detested, died,
 Hell and devil felling.

O Jesus Christ.

Who sacrificed

Thy life for lifeless mortals:

Be my life in death and bring

Me to heaven's portals!

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Reading John 19:28-42

<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. 34But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35He 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 seventyfive 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. 41Now 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.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)



1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

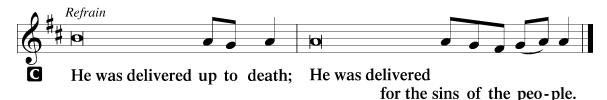
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Thine.

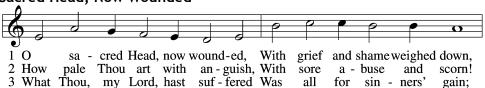
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



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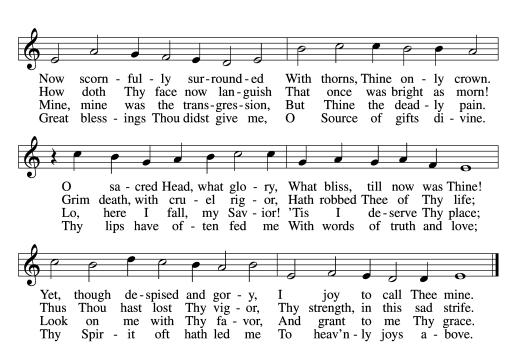
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# 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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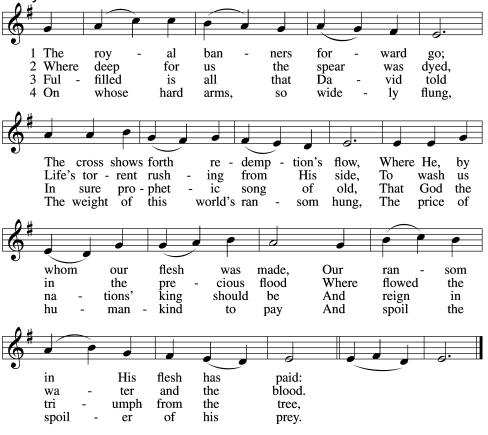


- What language shall I borrow
   To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
   For this Thy dying sorrow,
   Thy pity without end?
   O make me Thine forever!
   And should I fainting be,
   Lord, let me never, never,
   Outlive my love for Thee.
- My Savior, be Thou near me
   When death is at my door;
   Then let Thy presence cheer me,
   Forsake me nevermore!
   When soul and body languish,
   O leave me not alone,
   But take away mine anguish
   By virtue of Thine own!
- Be Thou my consolation,
   My shield, when I must die;
   Remind me of Thy passion
   When my last hour draws nigh.
   Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
   Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
   My heart by faith enfold Thee.
   Who dieth thus dies well.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; German version, Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612
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### Sermon

# 455 The Royal Banners Forward Go



- O tree of beauty, tree most fair, Ordained those holy limbs to bear: Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough Proclaims the King of Glory now.
- $\triangle$  6 To Thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done; As by the cross Thou dost restore, So guide and keep us evermore. Amen.

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 530-609; (sts. 1-4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; (sts. 5-6): tr. The Hymnal 1982 Tune: Paul D. Weber, 1949

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# **Prayers**

- $\mathbf{P}$ Lord, have mercy.
- Lord, have mercy. C
- P Christ, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- $\mathbf{P}$ Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.

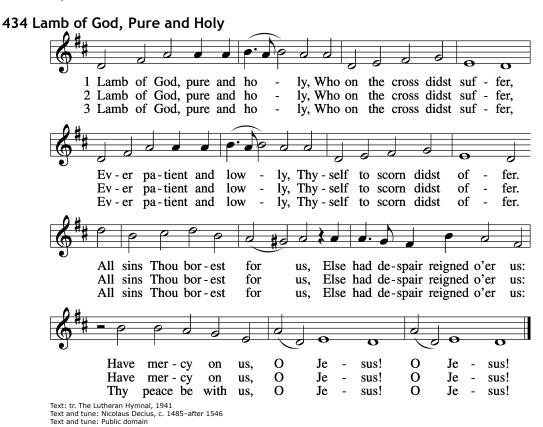
# **P** Let us pray.

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. For it was You who 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

A candle is extinguished.

# The Strepitus



All leave the church in silence.

Preaching: Rev. Eli Lietzau Liturgist: Rev. Wayne Woolery Organist: Linda Olsen Choir Director: Sheila Fornall Accompanist: Marilyn Havekost