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Good Friday

April 3, 2026

Tenebrae Service

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

A The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Genesis, chapter eleven.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Epistle

Galatians 6:1-10

A The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter six

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Gospel

Matthew 12:28-42

A The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter twelve.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

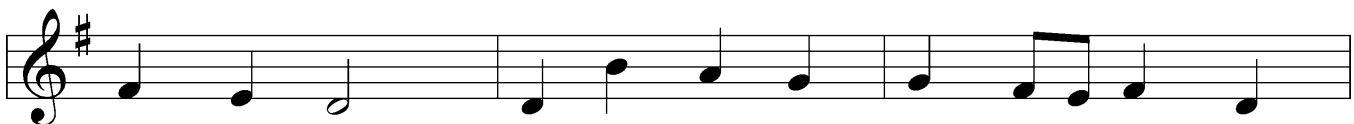
Sermon Hymn

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Sermon

“Sowing Discord/Uplift One Another” *Galatians 6:1-4*

Bidding Prayer

- A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; Jay, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free

them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own goodwill:

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

*The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people,
 the Church, to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.*

Reproaches

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Reproaches Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434 vs 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Reproaches

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Reproaches Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434 vs 2



2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Reproaches

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

A Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Reproaches Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434 vs 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Seven Words from the Cross

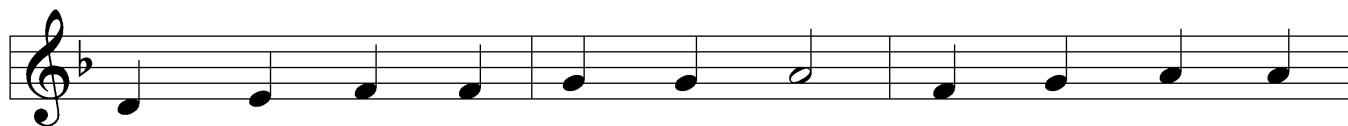
Seven candles have been set up at the front of the sanctuary. These candles signify the seven last words of Jesus as he hung on the cross. After the reading of each of the words, one of the candles is extinguished. But even when the last candle is extinguished the service is not over. The Paschal candle will be lit as a reminder of Jesus' promised resurrection.

The First Word

Luke 23:33-34

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

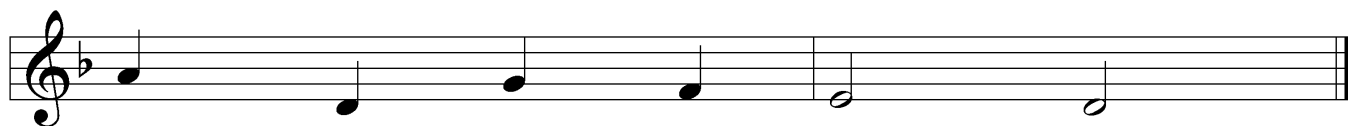
LSB 447 vs 1-3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:



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

The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

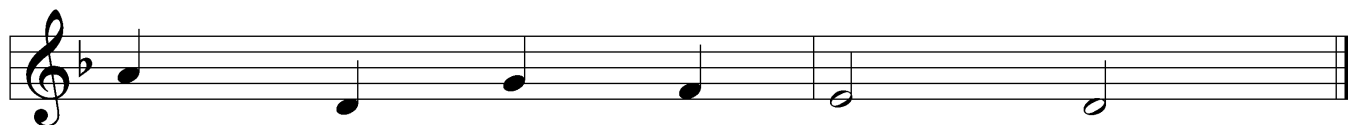
LSB 447 vs 4-6



4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your



near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:



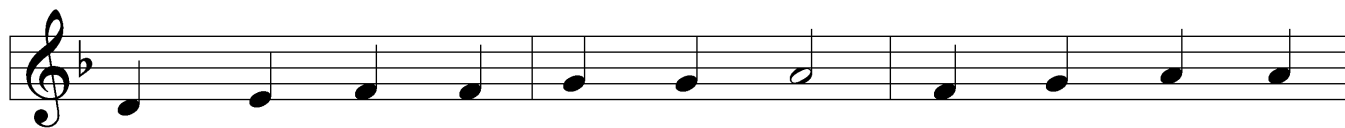
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The Third Word

John 19:25-27

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

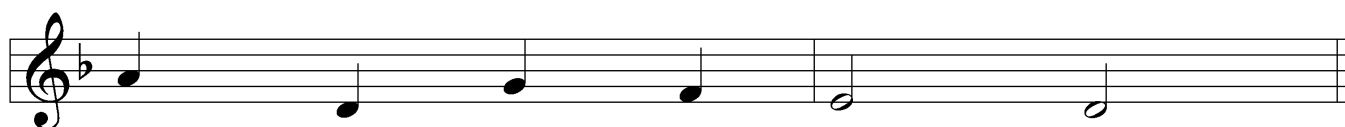
LSB 447 vs 7-9



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



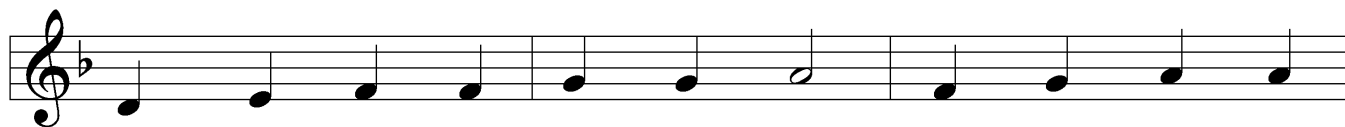
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
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The Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-46

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

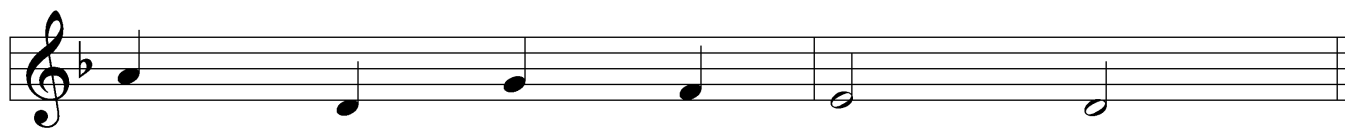
LSB 447 vs 10-12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our



left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:



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

The Fifth Word

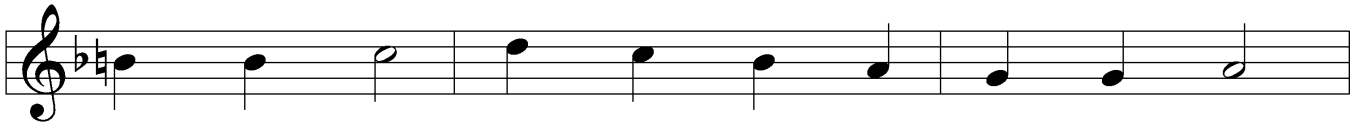
John 19:28-29

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 vs 13-15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



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

The Sixth Word

John 19:30

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 vs 16-18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's
17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to
18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er



will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'rings per - fect made:
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:



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

The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-46

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 vs 19-21



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



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



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

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The congregation may stay for quiet meditation as long as you desire. Kindly leave in silence in keeping with our worship this night of quiet meditation.

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