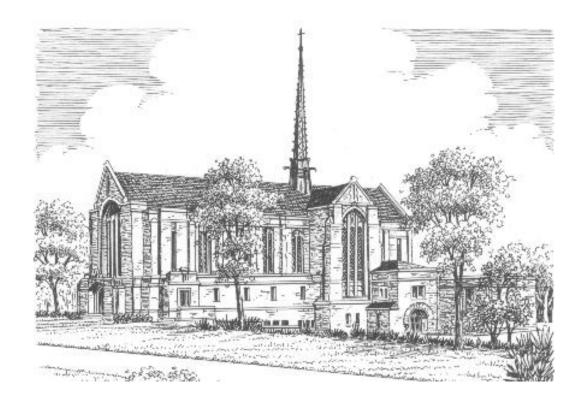
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday

The Wonderful Cross

April 10, 2020

12:00 p.m.



THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation. We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people <u>rooted</u>, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their **eternal salvation**.

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

AS WE GATHER

It seems strange to call this day "good." After all, on this day, Jesus, our Savior and Lord, was tortured, beaten, spit upon, and brutally crucified on a cross. What is good about that? Actually, the goodness of this day is extensive and amazing. At the cross, God's plan to redeem the world came to full fruition. Rather than ignore our sin, pretend it away, or eternally turn away from us. God became one of us, and in an act of pure self-sacrifice and love, Jesus willingly suffered the worst. For you. For me. For the world. Ours is not a God who says to us, "If you obey Me well enough, then I might love you." Our God says to us at the outset, "I love you. I willingly gave My life for yours. If you want to see the extent of My love, look to the cross. Let My love draw you to hear and obey Me." So today's service is not a funeral for Jesus. It is a way to remember the events of Jesus' death—including the allusions to it already in the Old Testament. It is an occasion for us to be drawn closer in love to the God who loves us unconditionally. It is an occasion to weep over our sin that made the crucifixion of Jesus necessary. It is an occasion to rejoice in the forgiveness and peace that comes from putting our faith in our crucified Lord. It is an occasion to marvel at the breadth, height, and depth of God's love for us. Yes, it is Good Friday.

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; **People:** upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His

stripes we are healed.

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, **People:** nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

People: and Your hand has come down on me.

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity;
People: I am sorry for my sin.

Pastor: Make haste to help me, **People:** O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His

stripes we are healed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of mercy, Your love for us is so deep that Your Son gave His life in our

place on the cross.

People: We are forgiven through the blood of Jesus. Lead us to love You with

all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as

ourselves;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

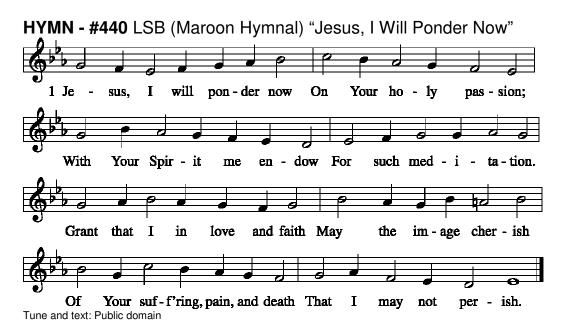
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

John 18:1-19:42

Verse 1



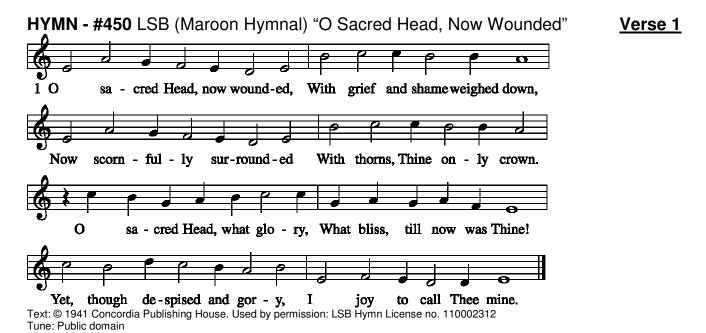
Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

READINGJohn 18:1–11

(Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)

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. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then 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.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"



READINGJohn 18:12–27

(Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)

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

¹⁵Simon 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, ¹⁶but 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. ¹⁷The 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." ¹⁸Now 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.

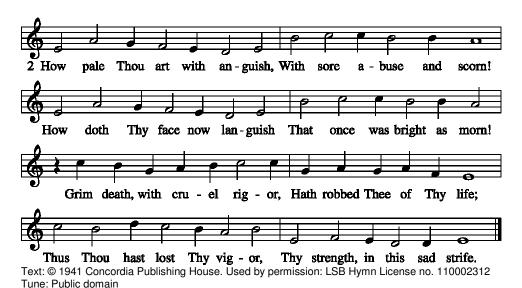
¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said."

²²When 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?" ²³Jesus 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?" ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now 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." ²⁶One 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?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

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Verse 2



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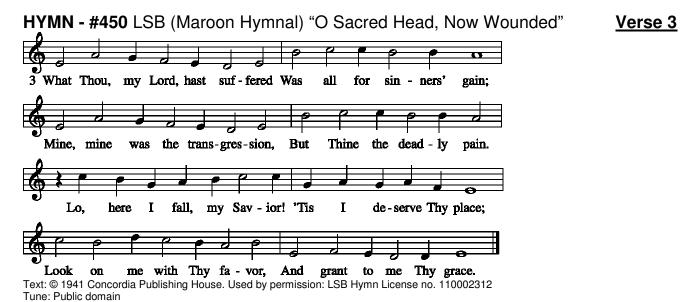
John 18:28–40 (Jesus before Pilate)

²⁸Then 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. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate 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." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Then 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." ³⁸Pilate 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. ³⁹But 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?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.



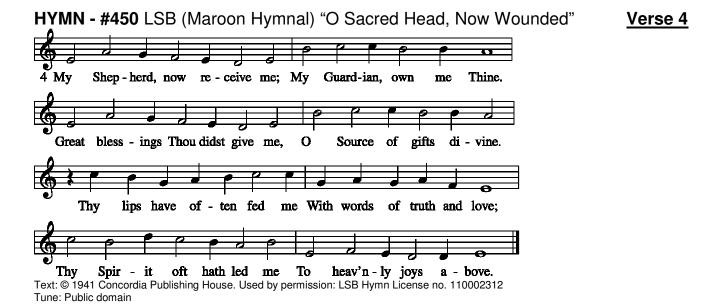
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John 19:1–16a (Jesus prepared for crucifixion)

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

¹²From 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." ¹³So 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the

Jews, "Behold your King!" 15They 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." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.



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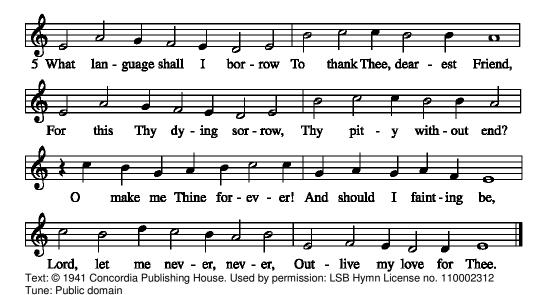
John 19:16b-24 (The crucifixion of Jesus)

^{16b}So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So 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." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³When 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, ²⁴so 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,



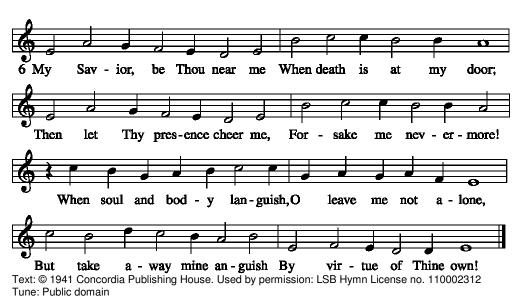
READING

John 19:25–30 (Jesus' mother and His death)

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

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

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³¹Since 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. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But 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. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After 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. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So 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. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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Silence as we contemplate our Lord's Death

HYMN OF THE DAY - #438 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" Lamb plain - ing The goes com forth. un soul's great friend, 2 This Lamb is Christ, the The 3 "Yes, I'll Fa - ther, most will - ing - ly yes, 4 Lord, when Your glo shall And see ry guilt of sin ing And, lad - en with the ners bear Lamb of God, ouг Sav ior, Whom God the Fa ther bear what You com - mand will con-forms Me. My to taste Your king dom's plea -Your blood my roy - al sure, of earth, None else the den sins bur shar - ing; Goes chose to send To gain for His fa - vor. "Go us Your de - cree, I'lldo what You have asked Me." 0 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with pa - tient "And free chil - dren forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, My The won-drous Love, what have You done! Fa - ther of - fers ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness com-plaint, That spot-less life to He out of fer, bears from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na tion. The wrath and De - sir - ing our sal - va 0 Love. how up His Son. tion. my crown; With these I need not hide be And there, me. in stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and stripes are hard bear, But by Your pas sion to strong You save! You lay the Ōne are to in rich 1y wrought, As Your own bride gar - ments shall re - plies, "All this Ι glad - ly fer." yet suf will share tion." The fruit of they Your sal - va the grave Who built the earth's foun - da tion. be brought To stand in be - side You. we joy Tune: Public domain Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002312

SERMON – Did this have to happen?

BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that churches flourish in

their working of connecting people with the love of Jesus.

Father God, by Your Holy Spirit, guide our church to present a clear witness to the love of Jesus. Let unity overcome division, truth overcome error, and

love overcome strife; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for the Synod President, [name]; District President, [name]; for

our pastors and teachers; for all servants of the Church; and for all the

people of God.

Lord of the Church, You bless our church with pastors and teachers, musicians and custodians, deaconesses and Sunday School teachers, missionaries and theologians, and a wide variety of ministries to extend Your love to communities everywhere. Uphold and guide all whom You call to various ministries, that their work give glory to You and extend Your reign in

all communities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are new to the Christian faith and are preparing for

Baptism or confirmation.

Lord God, You bless our church with new people. Guide them as they learn and grow to love You. Protect them from distractions. Help them to find ways to live out their newly experienced faith in acts of service. Help our church to

welcome new people with open arms; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit

would gently guide hearts to the love of God for us in Jesus.

Merciful God, You often work in wonderfully mysterious ways. We ask that Your Spirit move powerfully in the lives of those who do not believe to draw them toward Your love in Christ Jesus. Enable those of us who believe to be good and faithful witnesses to the love of Christ. Keep us from placing unnecessary barriers in the way of the those who struggle to believe. Help us to be ready to rejoice when a lost sheep is found; through Jesus Christ,

our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God guide them to lead

with wisdom, compassion, and concern for those most vulnerable in our

society.

God of power and might, bless the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities. Create in them the humility to lead as those who serve. Protect us from corrupt and unjust leaders. Guide all who serve in public office to seek the peace, well-being, freedom, and joy of the people they serve; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for those in need: the sick, the dying, the oppressed, and the

vulnerable.

Compassionate God, Your special care of those in difficult circumstances is evident in the mercy Jesus showed to those who were poor, blind, lame, or rejected by the world. Bless those in trouble with healing, peace, and the love of those they need to help them through each day. Help us to notice people's need and to respond with providing for both their physical and

spiritual needs; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Finally, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

CONTEMPLATION OF THE CROSS

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world. Pastor:

O come, let us worship Him. People:

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

O come, let us worship Him. People:

REPROACH

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein Pastor:

> 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.

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

People: O Lord, have mercy.



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REPROACH

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein

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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

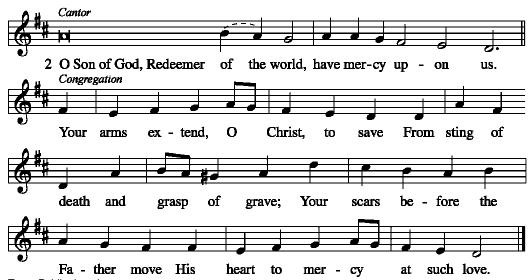
have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

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.

People: O Lord, have mercy.

Son

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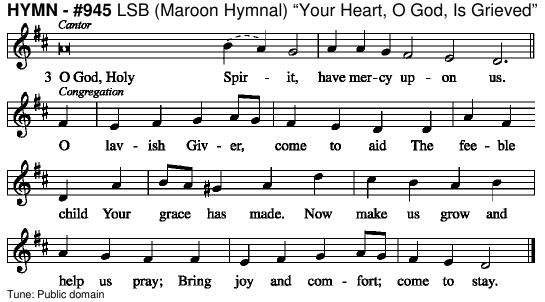
REPROACH

Pastor:

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.

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

People: O Lord, have mercy.



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Verse 3

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We adore You, gracious God, for Your love seen most powerfully in the self-

sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

People: Thousand thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus unto You.

Pastor: Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to let our lives be shaped by the cross of Jesus,

People: so that we willingly give of ourselves in service to others;

Pastor: by the power of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

All leave in silence.

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