



**The Cure for Sin**  
**April 3, 2026**

## AS WE GATHER

*Today, we observe the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. While the name of the day may come from the phrase "God's Friday," it is, despite its horror, a good Friday. Virtually since the very beginning of time, man's sin has infected the whole world. Sin separates us from God and one another, sin turns us inward, sin brings upon us the penalty of death. Today, we remember the cure for sin, the self-giving sacrifice of Jesus in our place. His death is the cure for our sin, the payment of our debt.*

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

**P** Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy and solemn day, the Friday we call good, we are confronted with the serious nature of our sin, which made this day necessary. It is right and proper for us to reflect on and confess our sinfulness. Let us join our voices to say "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

*(A time of silence is observed to call to mind the specifics of our sin and prepare for confession.)*

**P** Let us kneel and make confession of our sins.

## PSALM OF CONFESSION Psalm 51:1-9, 17

**C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. . . .**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

*(A time of silence is observed for reflection.)*

**P** God is merciful. Even before we were aware of the burden of our sin, God planned our salvation. He sent His only-begotten Son into this world of sin and made Him to be sin for us. It was our sin that He bore to Calvary's cross. It was the penalty for our sin that He endured. And it was because of His sacrifice that our sins are forgiven. As your called and ordained pastor, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

**P** As God's forgiven children, we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives and live for His glory:

**PSALM PRAYER** Psalm 51:10-15 **"Create in Me"**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it".

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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 52:13---53:12

*(Jesus is the Suffering Servant who gave His life for us.)*

*(After the reading)*

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 *(Jesus the great high priest)*

(After the reading)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY "My Song is Love Unknown" LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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LOVE UNKNOWN  
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*Is. 52:13–53:3; Rom. 5:6, 10; Phil. 2:5–11; Acts 3:13–15*

## BIDDING PRAYER

**R** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, that God would defend her from attacks by Satan, and keep her firmly on the foundation of Jesus Christ:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, in His death and resurrection Your Son Jesus Christ defeated Satan once and for all. Protect Your Church, we pray, from all temptations brought by the old evil foe, and preserve her in the true confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**R** Let us pray for all pastors, teachers, and other workers in the Church, and for all of God's people:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, Your Spirit has called many to be workers in Your kingdom. Hear our prayers for those who labor in our midst, that they may be diligent in service and may be given the privilege of seeing Your Spirit at work through them to touch the lives of many people with the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**R** Let us pray for all who study the Word of God, that our Lord God would open their hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit and be brought to faithfulness and holy living:

**P** Almighty God and Father, because You have promised that Your Word would not return to You void, increase the faith and understanding of all who study Your Word, that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may remain in true faith to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

**P** Merciful Father in heaven, You hold all nations and people in Your hand. We ask that You look with favor on all leaders of nations, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that we may live in peace and harmony under Your protection, and may remain free to worship and serve You in all our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**R** Let us pray for God's care, comfort, and providence for all who are ill, hungry, homeless, or in any kind of need:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You are the comfort of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak. Hear the prayers of all who are in need, and grant them the comfort of Your love and the gift of healing and hope to all who are troubled according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**R** Let us pray for all who are not part of the family of Christ that the Holy Spirit would work mightily to deliver them from their error, and call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and bring them into His family:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You desire all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, hear our prayer for all who have no knowledge of You and of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.**

**R** Let us pray for peace, that we may honor and serve our God with joy, as is fitting for God's children:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory and Lord of heaven and earth, grant us the peace that passes all understanding, that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**R** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy as our Lord prayed for those who crucified Him:

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You commanded us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. We pray that Your love for all people may move us to love even those who seek to harm us, that they may be brought by Your Holy Spirit to love You and to live in peace with all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**R** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, and for all that God provides for our well-being:

**P** Gracious Father, by Your Word You create and continue to care for all living things. We pray that as Your Son Jesus Christ dwells in our hearts, we may be made ready to receive Your good and perfect gifts with gratitude, and be moved to share those gifts generously with those who lack the necessities of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**R** Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, trusting in His promises:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*harmonized for part-singing*

1) Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2) Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see  
3) I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a-bid - ing place;

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is '1) Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;', the second is '2) Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see', and the third is '3) I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a-bid - ing place;'. The music is harmonized for part-singing.

The shad-ow of a might-y rock With-in a wea-ry land,  
 The ver-y dy-ing form of one Who suf-fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth-er sun-shine than The sun-shine of his face;

A home with-in a wil-der-ness, A rest up-on the way,  
 And from my con-trite heart, with tears, Two won-ders I con-fess:  
 Con-tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,

From the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat And bur-dens of the day.  
 The won-der of his glo-ri-ous love And my un-wor-thi-ness.  
 My sin-ful self my on-ly shame, My glo-ry all, the cross.

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## + SERVICE OF DARKNESS+

*Based on the Words Spoken by Our Lord from the Cross*

### THE PROPHECY Psalm 22:16-18

**R** Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

### THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:32-38

**R** Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. 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. And Jesus said, "Father,

forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. 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!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

**P** Father, we are brought almost to tears as we stand at the foot of the cross.

**C** **We find it difficult to comprehend how much Your love did for us.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we stand in awe of Your forgiving those who nailed You to the cross.

**C** **Help us to learn to forgive those who hurt us in the same way.**

**P** Open our eyes,

**C** **that we may see Your love more clearly in the death of Your Son.**

**HYMN "Jesus I will Ponder Now" LSB 440**



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
 5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
 Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
 Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?  
 If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

## THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### THE PROPHECY Psalm 22:7-8

**R** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him."

### THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:39-43

**R** One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

**P** Lord Jesus, open our eyes,  
**C** **that we, too, may glimpse the goodness of this day, even in the midst of uncertainty and sadness.**

**P** Guide and direct us  
**C** **into Your paradise which awaits us, and reveal Your perfect peace to us.**

**P** Heavenly Father, grant us  
**C** **a richer awareness of the hope that You provide in Your Son Jesus.**

**P** Help us to cling every day to the life You have given to us,  
**C** **and by Your Holy Spirit, help us to glorify You in all that we do.**

**HYMN****"Jesus Remember Me"**

LSB 767



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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**THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED****THE PROPHECY** Isaiah 7:10-14

**R** Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

**THE THIRD WORD** John 19:25-27

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

**P** Lord God, may we learn from our Lord's example to love others as You have loved us;

**C** **while seeing the worst we find in others and in ourselves, yet rejoicing in the forgiveness and acceptance we have received from You and share with others.**

**P** Encourage us to strive by the power of the Holy Spirit

**C** **toward greater unity in our own families and toward unity in the family of believers in Christ Jesus.**

## HYMN "What Wondrous love is this" LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### THE PROPHECY Psalm 22:1-8

**C** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my  
groaning?  
O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.  
Yet You are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
In You our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and You delivered them.

To You they cried and were rescued;  
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.  
But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him;  
let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"

#### THE FOURTH WORD Matthew 27:45-46

- R** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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?"
- P** Lord, we would never forsake You,  
**C** **but in our daily hustle and bustle, we sometimes forget You.**
- P** Lord, we would never condemn You, shouting "crucify!"  
**C** **although we have allowed evil to be done in Your name.**
- P** Lord, we would never deny You, saying, "I do not know the man!"  
**C** **but we have avoided opportunities to witness to Your love and to share the good news of salvation in Your name.**
- P** Lord, we would never shut You out of our lives,  
**C** **yet we confess that our own selfishness hides Your presence and love from us. Forgive us, O Lord.**

## HYMN "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### THE PROPHECY Psalm 22:14-15

**R** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

### THE FIFTH WORD John 19:28-29

**R** After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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** Lord Jesus, sometimes we forget that the pain and anguish You suffered was human pain and anguish.

**C** **We often feel sorry for ourselves, without realizing what You suffered on our behalf.**

**P** Having given Your life on our behalf,

**C** help us to be bold in proclaiming Your name, despite the cost to us.

**P** By Your suffering and death on our behalf,

**C** grant us the gift of life, life that is lived for Your glory.

**HYMN "O Dearest Jesus" LSB 439**



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants  
To do Thy will shall be my sole en -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.  
owe Him, Who would not know Him.  
deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.

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**THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**

**THE PROPECY** Psalm 31:1-5

**R** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**THE SIXTH WORD** Luke 23:44-46

**R** It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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.

**P** Open our eyes, Lord;  
**C** **the shadow of Your Son's cross encompasses all our world.**

**P** Teach our hearts, O Lord,  
**C** **that when our last hour comes, we may confidently commit ourselves into Your loving arms.**

**P** Lead us, Lord,  
**C** **that we may follow You through the valley of the shadow of death into the place prepared for us at Your throne in Paradise.**

**HYMN** "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" LSB 437



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

### THE PROPHECY Isaiah 53:4-5

**C** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

### THE SEVENTH WORD John 19:30

**P** When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

*(A time of silence is observed for personal reflection.)*

**P** Lord Jesus, in Your death we have life.

**C** **We give You thanks that You finished the course set by the Father, that leads to our salvation.**

**P** By Your holy death,

**C** **strengthen us to remain faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life You have earned for us.**

**P** Lead and guide us, O Lord, beyond the darkness of sin into the light of Your grace,

**C** **that we need not wander in the darkness forever, but may see Your glorious light.**

## HYMN

## "O Sacred Head" LSB 450



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,



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?



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,



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.

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## THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS REMOVED

(to symbolize our Lord's rest in the tomb)

**STREPITUS** (*A loud noise symbolizing the closing of Christ's tomb.*)

## CLOSING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

[The last candle is returned to its place on the altar.]

*(After a time of silent prayer, all may leave the church in complete silence.)*



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