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Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People **yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

Officiant But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

People **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;

People **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Isaiah 53:4-6

We gather together to contemplate the final words of Jesus, the Suffering Servant, on the cross. This passage from Isaiah 52-53 prophesied the coming of Jesus, the one who suffers for us.

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

Please remain standing.

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Jesus taught his disciples this prayer as a model for how to pray (Luke 11:1–4). The Lord’s Prayer roughly breaks down into three types of prayers: Praise (Thank you), Petition (Please), and Penitence (Sorry). We pray this each week to remind us how Jesus taught us to pray.

The Lord’s Prayer

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Reproaches

Please remain kneeling as you are able.

Officiant O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.
I brought you forth from the land of bondage,
and led you through the waters of salvation,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

People Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Officiant I lead you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with the bread of heaven;
I brought you in to the land of promise,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

People **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Officiant What could I have done for you that I have not
done?
I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit;
but you have become very bitter to me,
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

People **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Officiant I passed over your first-born and delivered them
from death,
and you have delivered me in to the hands of my
enemies;
I led you in the pillar of cloud,
and you have led me into the judgment hall of
Pilate.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

People **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Officiant I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your
sake,
and you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you a royal inheritance,
and you have crowned my head with thorns.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

People **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**



We now enter a cycle within the service: we hear a reading from Scripture, a prayer is said, a candle is extinguished, and we respond in song.

Officiant I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life,
and you have opened my side with a spear.
I raised you on high with great power,
and you have hanged me high upon the Cross.
O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

People **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The First Word

Please be seated.

Luke 23:26-34

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ 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. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Prayer on the First Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant Almighty God, to whom your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. **Amen.**

The first candle is extinguished.

Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

Words and music by Thomas B. Pollock, Public Domain.

Jesus, in Thy dying woes,
Even while Thy lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue,
When our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like Thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

The Second Word

Please remain seated.

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ 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!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."



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

Prayer on the Second Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant O Lord Jesus Christ, in your agony you showed compassion to a man who recognized his sinfulness and your holiness. You gave him the gift of life eternal. We thank you for that same indescribable gift you give to us. Help us to show such compassion to the lost so that they may too dwell in paradise with you. **Amen.**

The second candle is extinguished.

Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

Words and music by Thomas B. Pollock, Public Domain.

Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near thee dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

May we in our guilt and shame
Still thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on thy name:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

May our hearts to thee incline,
Looking from our cross to thine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

The Third Word

Please remain seated.

John 19:23-27

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Prayer on the Third Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant O Blessed Savior, who in your hours of greatest suffering expressed compassion for your mother and made arrangements for her care, grant that we who seek to follow your example may show our concern for the needs of others, reaching out to provide for those who suffer in our human family. Hear this our prayer for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

The third candle is extinguished.



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Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

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Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart thy sorrows rend,
And thy dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in thy sorrows share,
For thy sake all peril dare,
And enjoy thy tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we all thy loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving for the love of thee:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

The Fourth Word

Please remain seated.

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ 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?”

Prayer on the Fourth Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant Almighty God, who forsook your Son upon the cross, showing the world your judgement upon human sin and guilt, grant us, upon hearing his cry, the grace to know and believe that we will never be forsaken, that he is present with us even to the end of the age. For the sake of Jesus Christ who bore our sins on the cross. **Amen.**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

Words and music by Thomas B. Pollock, Public Domain.

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

The Fifth Word

Please remain seated.

John 19:28-29

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ 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.

Prayer on the Fifth Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant O Blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the water of life that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by your love and mercy, leading us to bring the same relief to others. **Amen.**

The fifth candle is extinguished.



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Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

Words and music by Thomas B. Pollock, Public Domain.

Jesus, in thy thirst and pain,
While thy wounds thy lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;
All thy holy work fulfill;
Satisfy thy loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst thy love to know;
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

The Meditation

The Sixth Word

Please remain seated.

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Prayer on the Sixth Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant O Lord Jesus Christ, who finished the work that you were sent to do, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness, O Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes

Please be seated and join us in singing.

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Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All thy Father's will obeyed;
By thy suff'rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless,
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

The Seventh Word

Please remain seated.

Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.



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Prayer on the Seventh Word From the Cross

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant Father, into your hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love, who gave your life for us all. **Amen.**

The candle represents Christ in our service. We do not extinguish it because we know that Jesus is alive and death could not defeat him.

The seventh candle is removed. A loud noise follows and the candle is replaced on the altar.

Jesus, Remember Me

Please be seated.

This simple song will be repeated many times as we silently contemplate our Lord's words and his death for us.

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Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.

The congregation processes out of the Nave to the church yard, as the gong is sounded 33 times, once for each year of Jesus's life.

There is a small fire pit outside where, if you wish, you can write down any sins or burdens you are carrying and burn them in the fire. If you are burdened by a sin and desire the rite of confession, clergy are available.



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