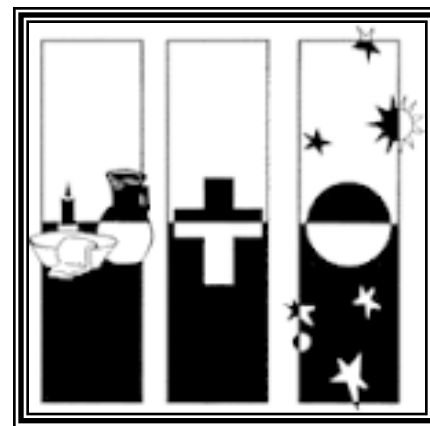




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MORNING PRAYER EASTER TRIDUUM



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.
John 3:16

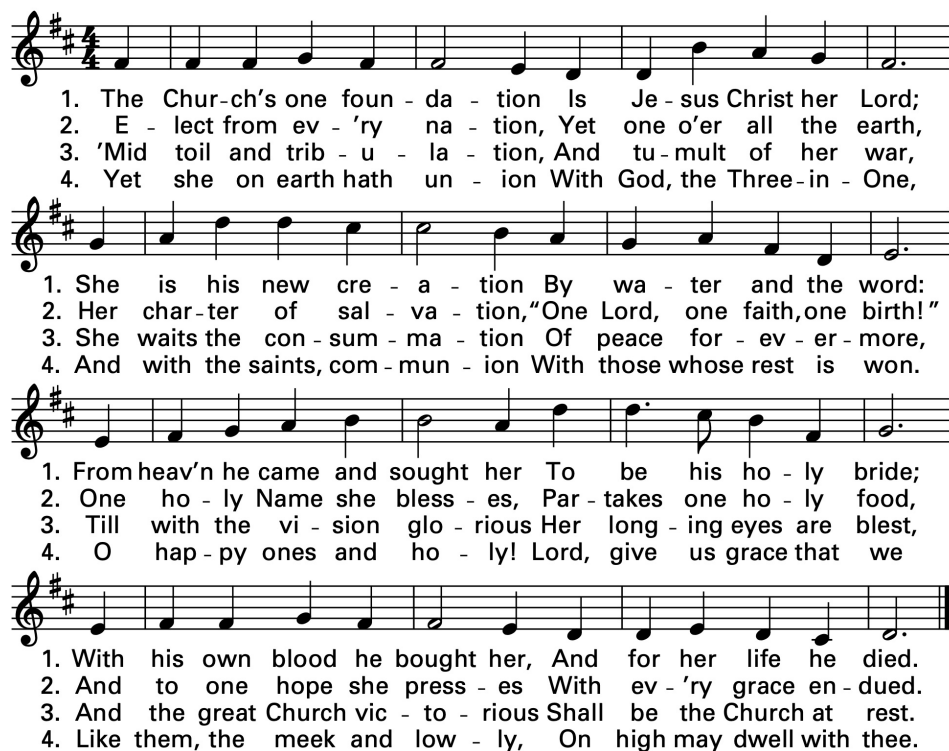
Holy Thursday
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HOLY THURSDAY

Leader: +God, come to our assistance
 All: Lord, make haste to help us.
 Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
 All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
 Amen.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

AURELIA



1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three-in-One,

1. She is his new creation By water and the word:
 2. Her charter of salvation, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
 3. She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore,
 4. And with the saints, communion With those whose rest is won.

1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
 2. One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 3. Till with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
 4. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

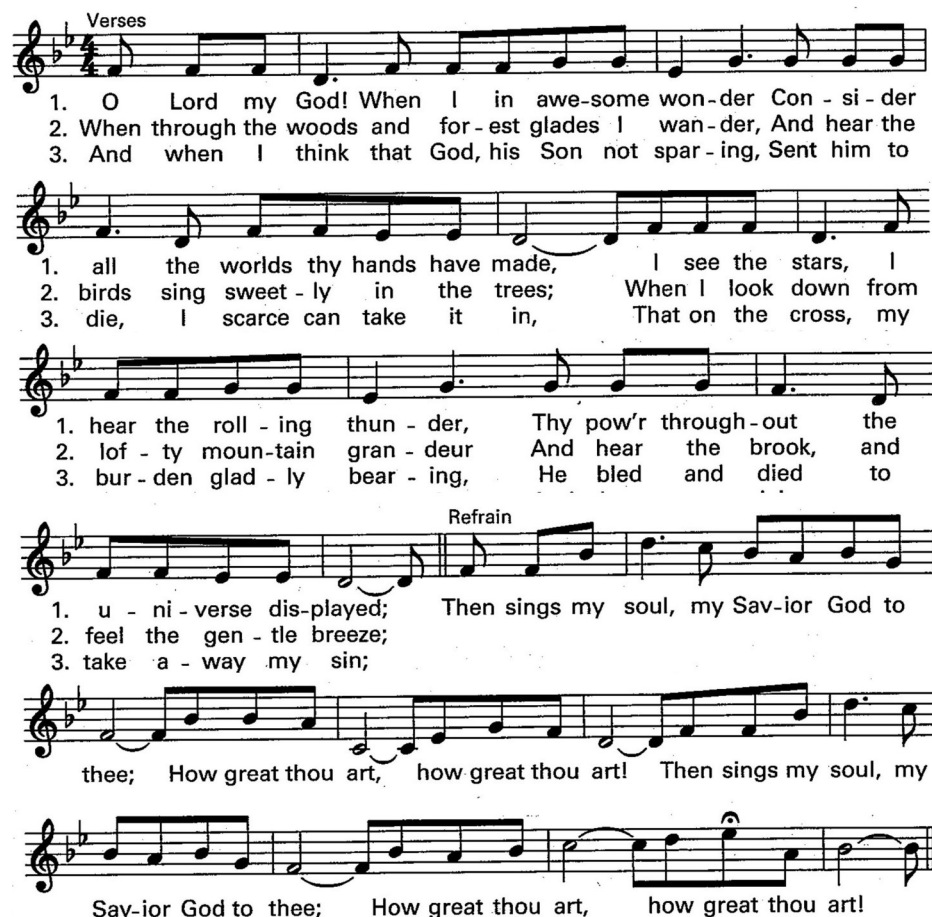
1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 2. And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.
 3. And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
 4. Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876.

Leader: Look, O Lord, and see my suffering.
 Come quickly to my aid.

Hymn:

HOW GREAT THOU ART



Verses

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der Con-si-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, Sent him to

1. all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 2. birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my

1. hear the roll-ing thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the
 2. lof-ty moun-tain gran-deur And hear the brook, and
 3. bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, He bled and died to

Refrain

1. u-ni-verse dis-played; Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to
 2. feel the gen-tle breeze;
 3. take a-way my sin;

thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

Words: Stuart K. Hine.

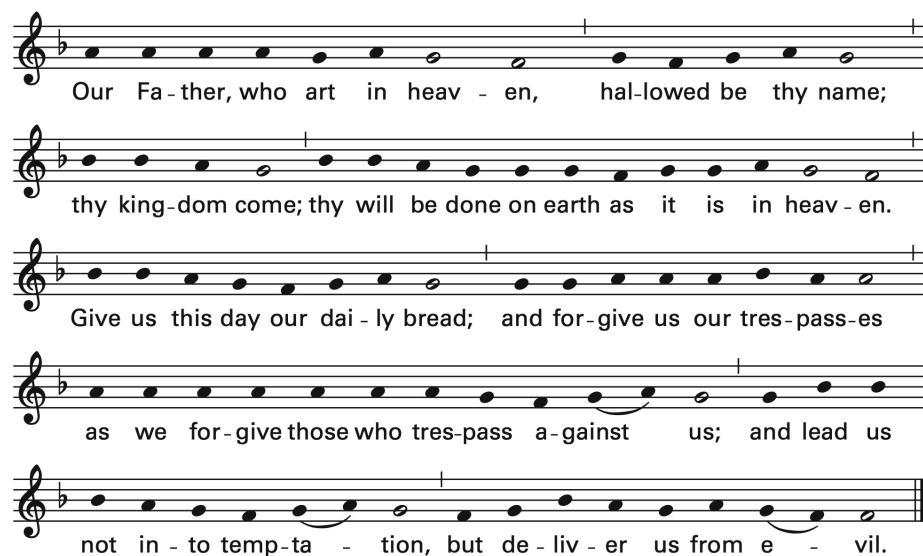
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Leader: With longing in our hearts for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayer to the Father:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name;
thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us; and lead us
not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

Leader: All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down
among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness
raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be
one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

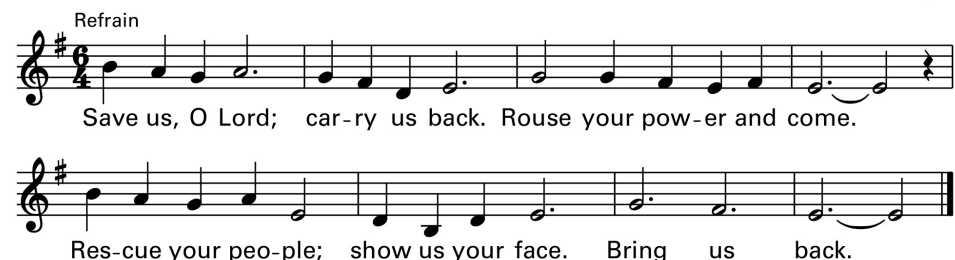
All: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

SAVE US, O LORD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



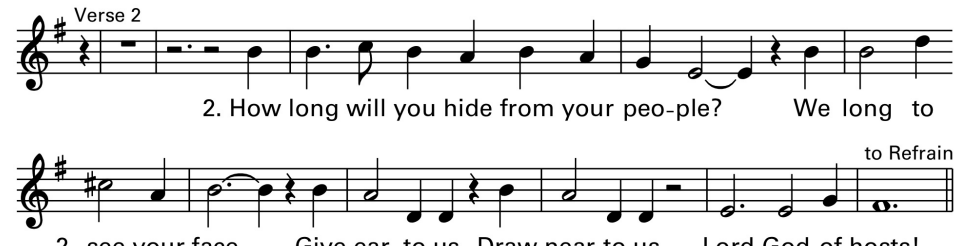
Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.
Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1



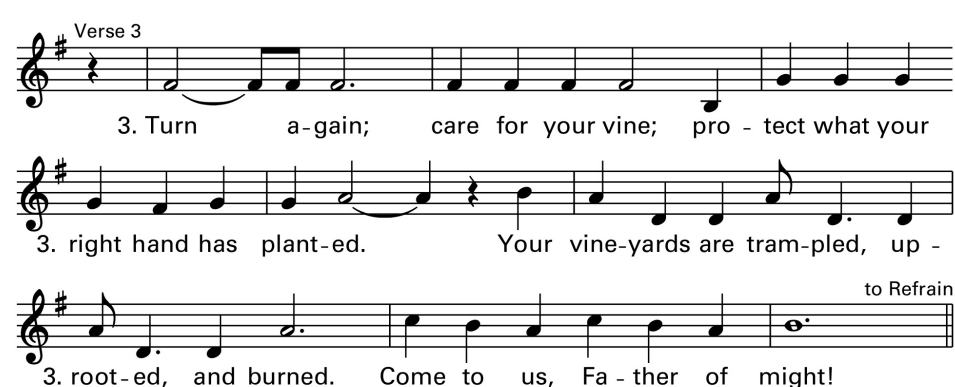
1. O Shep-herd of Is-ra-el, hear us. Re-turn and we shall be
1. saved. A-rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

Verse 2



2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? We long to
2. see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

Verse 3



3. Turn a-gain; care for your vine; pro-protect what your
3. right hand has plant-ed. Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up-
3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa-ther of might!

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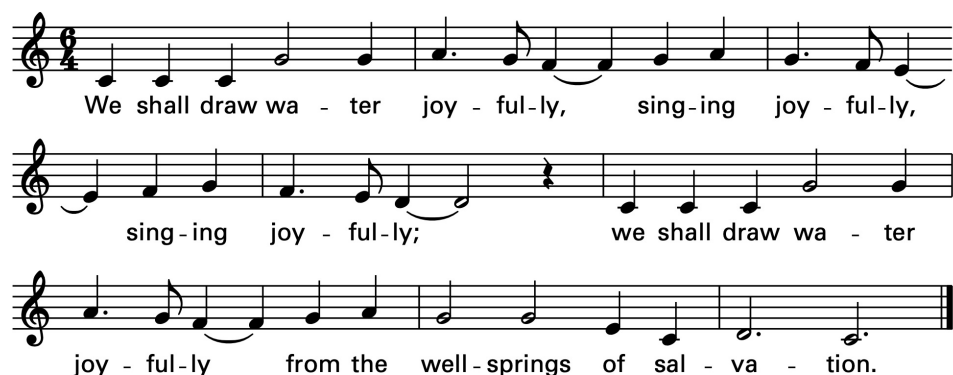
Leader: Lord God, eternal shepherd, you so tend the vineyard you planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest coast. Look down on your Church and come to us. Help us remain in your Son as branches on the vine, that, planted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere.

All: Look, O Lord, and see my suffering. Come quickly to my aid.

Leader: God is my savior; I trust in him and shall not fear.

ISAIAH 12: WE SHALL DRAW WATER

Paul Inwood



1. Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength;
the Lord is our song;
he became our Savior.

2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known to
all of the nations; proclaim his greatness.

3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

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Leader: The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; he has filled us with honey from the rock.

Intercessions

Leader: Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us in order to rise again. With sincere love we adore him, and aware of our needs we cry out:



Leader: Christ our Savior, your sorrowing Mother stood by you at your death and burial,

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Christ our Lord, like the seed buried in the ground, you brought forth for us the harvest of grace,

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, in death you lay hidden from the world.

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Christ, the new Adam, you entered the kingdom of death to release all the just since the beginning of the world,

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Christ, Son of the living God, through baptism we were buried with you,

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Canticle of Zechariah

Leader: Save us, O Savior of the world. On the cross you redeemed us by the shedding of your blood; we cry out for your help, O God.

R +Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

L He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

R Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

L He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

R This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

L You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

R In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

L Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All: Save us, O Savior of the world. On the cross you redeemed us by the shedding of your blood; we cry out for your help, O God.

Psalm 81

R Ring out your joy to God our strength, shout in triumph to the God of Jacob,

L Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the sweet sounding harp and the lute, blow the trumpet at the new moon, when the moon is full, on our feast.

R For this is Israel's law, a command of the God of Jacob. He imposed it as a rule on Joseph, when he went out against the land of Egypt.

L A voice I did not know said to me: "I freed your shoulder from the burden; your hands were freed from the load, You called in distress and I saved you.

R I answered, concealed in the storm cloud; at the waters of Meribah I tested you. Listen, my people, to my warning, O Israel, if only you would heed!

L Let there be no foreign god among you, no worship of an alien god. I am the Lord your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

R But my people did not heed my voice and Israel would not obey, so I left them in their stubbornness of heart to follow their own designs.

L O that my people would heed me, that Israel would walk in my ways! At once I would subdue their foes, turn my hand against their enemies.

R The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet and their subjection would last for ever. But Israel I would feed with finest wheat and fill them with honey from the rock."

L Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader: Lord God, open our mouths to proclaim your glory. Help us to leave sin behind and to rejoice in professing your name.

All: The Lord has fed us with the finest wheat; he has filled us with honey from the rock.

Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-10

We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men. Indeed, it was fitting that when bringing many sons to glory God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make their leader in the work of salvation perfect through suffering.

BRIEF REFLECTION

Responsory:

Reader: By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.
All: By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.
Reader: From every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation,
All: you brought us back to God.
Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
All: By your own blood, Lord, you brought us back to God.

Canticle of Zechariah

Leader: I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.
R + Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
L He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.
R Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
L He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

Leader: I was dead, but now I live for ever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

Psalm 150

R Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.
L O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.
R O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
R As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Leader: Lord God, maker of heaven and earth and of all created things, you make your just ones holy and you justify sinners who confess your name. Hear us as we humbly pray to you: give us eternal joy with your saints.
All: I was dead, but now I live forever, and I hold the keys of death and of hell.

Reading: Hosea 5: 15b - 16: 2

Thus says the Lord: In their affliction, they shall look for me: "Come, let us return to the Lord, For it is he who has rent, but he will heal us; he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds. He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, to live in his presence."

Brief Reflection

After a pause, the following response is said by all:

All: For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names.

Leader: Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning as for an only son.

Psalm: SHELTER ME, O GOD Bob Hurd

Refrain

Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your wings. You a-lone

Verses

are my hope.

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me
2. As a moth-er gath-ers her
3. Though I walk in dark-ness, through the

to Refrain

1. high a-bove their reach. Hear me when I call your name.
2. young be-neath her care, gath-er me in - to your arms.
3. nee-dle's eye of death, you will nev-er leave my side.

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Leader: Father, you gave your Son victory over the man who plotted evil against him; when he cried to you in his agony, you delivered him from his enemies. May those who suffer with him in this life find refuge and success in you.

All: Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning as for an only son.

Leader: From the jaws of hell, Lord, rescue my soul.

PSALM 31: FATHER, I PUT MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS

Fa-ther, I put my life in your hands.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, faithful God.
2. For all my foes reproach me, neighbors laugh and friends stand off. I am forgotten like dead unremembered; I am like a dish cast down.
3. But my trust is in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." Into your hands I place my future; from the clutch of foes you rescue me.
4. Let your face shine on your servant; O save me in your love. Be stouthearted, and come, take courage, all you who now hope in the Lord.

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R This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

L You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

R In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

L Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All: I have longed to eat this meal with you before I suffer.

Intercessions

Leader: The Father anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit to proclaim forgiveness to those in bondage. Let us humbly call upon the eternal priest:

All:

Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Darryl Ducote

Leader: You went up to Jerusalem to suffer and so enter into your glory,

All: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: You were lifted high on the cross and pierced by the soldier's lance,

All: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: You made the cross the tree of life,

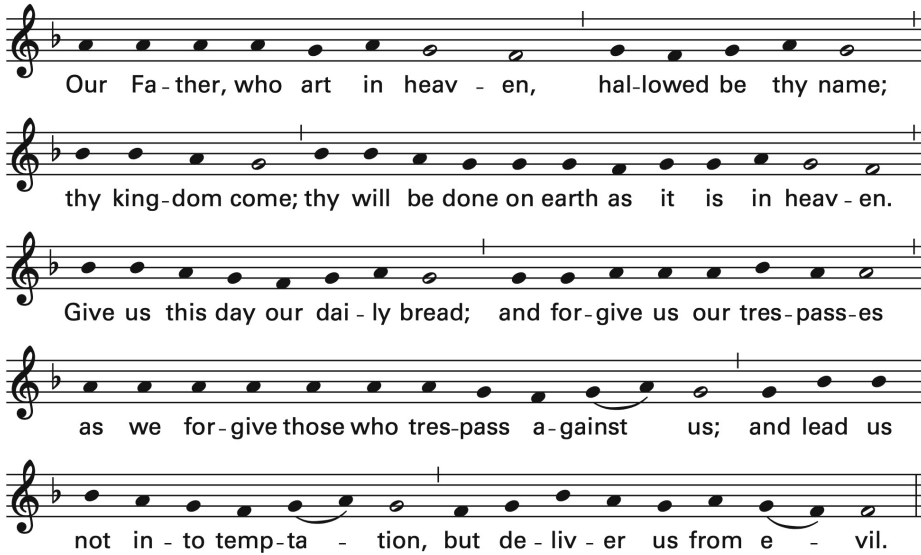
All: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: On the cross you forgave the repentant thief,

All: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

HOLY SATURDAY

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ Himself taught us.



Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

Leader: God of infinite compassion, to love you is to be made holy; fill our hearts with your love. By the death of your Son you have given us hope, born of faith; by his rising again fulfill this hope in the perfect love of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: +God, come to our assistance

All: Lord, make haste to help us.

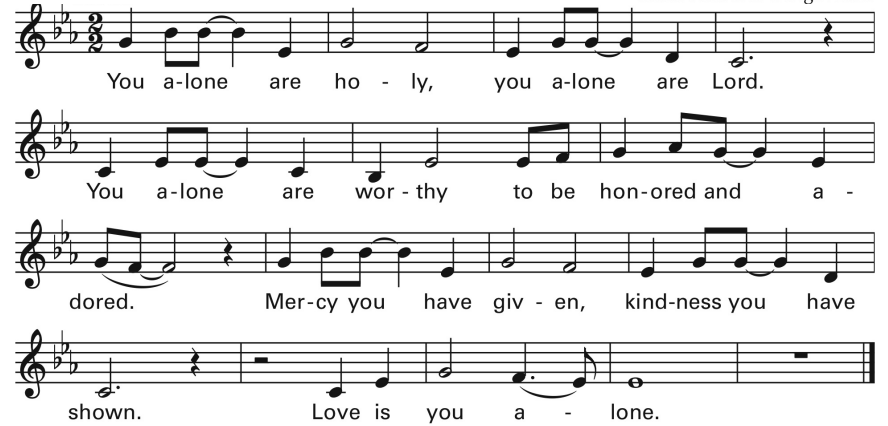
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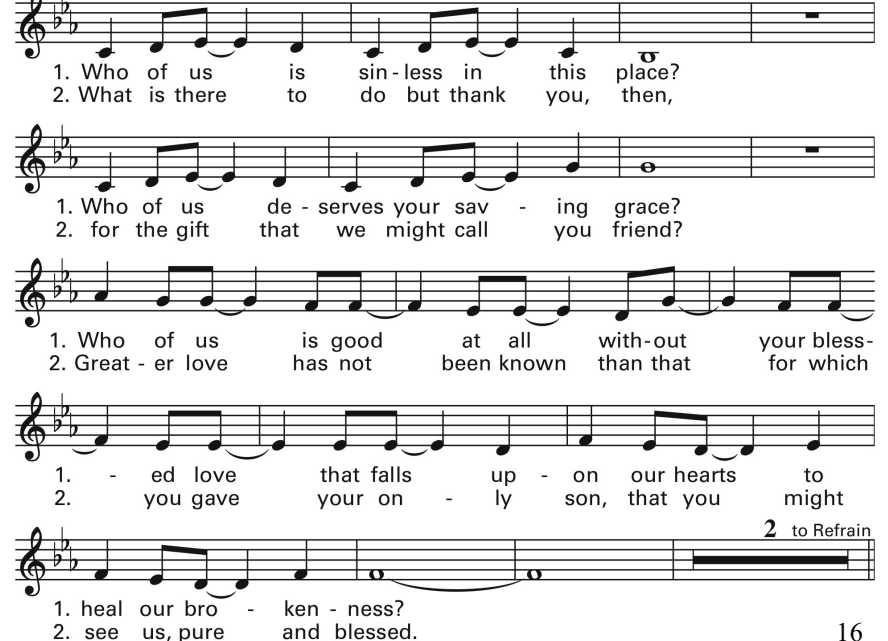
Hymn

YOU ALONE

Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles



Verses



Hymn

YOUR ONLY SON

Verses



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3. I was so lost I should have died, but you have



1. sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
2. scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King they named a
3. brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



1. sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
2. fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
3. rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in his pre-cious



blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

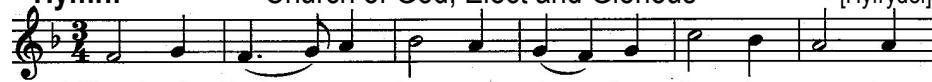
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Hymn:

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

[Hyfrydol]



1. Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion,
2. God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most
3. Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran-gers to God's
4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple



1. cho - sen race; called as God's own spe - cial
2. mar - v'lous light, brought his truth to life with -
3. heart of love; but he brought you home in
4. he in - tends; strong in faith and swift to



1. peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace: know the
2. in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight. Let your
3. mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove. Let his
4. an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends: roy - al



1. pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all God's
2. light so shine a - round you that God's name is
3. love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a
4. priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri -



1. might - y deeds; tell of love which knows no
2. glo - ri - fied; and all find fresh hope and
3. Fa - ther's care; that they too may know his
4. fice and prayer; give your lives in joy - ful



1. lim - its, grace which meets all hu - man needs.
2. pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
3. wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
4. ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.



GOOD FRIDAY

Leader: +God, come to my assistance
 All: Lord, make haste to help me.
 Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
 All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
 Amen.

Hymn:

O SACRED HEAD, SURROUNDED PASSION CHORALE

*1b. O Sa - cred Head, sur-round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
 2b. O Love, all love tran-scend - ing, O Wis - dom from on high!
 3b. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Up - on the cross our King!

1b. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
 2b. O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, Sur - ren - dered up to die!
 3b. We hum - bly bow be - fore thee, And of thy vic - t'ry sing!

1b. No come - li - ness or beau - ty Thy wound - ed face be - trays,
 2b. Was e'er a love so won - drous! That from his heav'n - ly throne
 3b. Thy cross is our sal - va - tion, Our hope from day to day,

1b. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore thee And trem - ble as they gaze.
 2b. God should de - scend a - mong us To suf - fer for his own.
 3b. Our peace and con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.

Text: 76 76 D; *Salve caput cruentatum*; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153.

Verses 1, 2 tr. by Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.; verse 3 tr. by James W. Alexander, 1804–1859, alt.

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Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

Leader: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

Leader: Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man,
 All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*
 Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us,
 All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*
 Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms,
 All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*
 Leader: Remember us, Lord, when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
 thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

Leader: Father, look with love upon your people, the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to evil men and suffered the agony of the cross, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
 All: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

R Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

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L Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

All: Over his head they hung their accusation: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

Intercessions

Leader: For our sake our Redeemer suffered death and was buried, and rose again. With heartfelt love let us adore him, and pray:



Leader: Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to accepting death,

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

Leader: Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

All: *Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

PSALM 51: CREATE IN ME

Bob Hurd

Refrain *Fine*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

Verses

1. Have mer - cy on me, God, in your com - pas - sion.
2. O pu - ri - fy my heart and teach me wis - dom;
3. O give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion;

to Refrain

1. Re - move my sin. Wash me _ from my guilt.
2. then I shall be clean - er _ than the snow.
3. a will - ing spir - it & I sus - tain in me.

Text based on Psalm 51:12, 3-4, 8-9, 14.
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Leader: Father, he who knew no sin was made sin for us, to save us and restore us to your friendship. Look upon our contrite heart and afflicted spirit and heal our troubled conscience, so that in the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit we may proclaim your praise and glory before all the nations.

All: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

Leader: Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our sins.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

EIN' FESTE BURG



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be

1. fail - ing; Our help - er he a - mid the flood
2. los - ing, Were not the Sav - ior on our side,

1. Of mor - tal ills pre - vail choos - ing: For
2. The man of God's own choos - ing: Dost

1. still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us
2. ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is

1. woe; His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with
2. he; Lord Sab - a - oth, his name, From age to

1. cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
2. age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.

Text: 87 87 66 66 7; based on Psalm 46; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890.
Music: Martin Luther; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

Leader: We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify
your holy resurrection, for the wood of the cross has brought
joy to the world.

Responsorial Psalm Refrain



Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20

R. Praise the Lord, Je - ru - sa - lem. Zi - on, praise your God.

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Leader: Lord, you established peace within the borders of Jerusalem.
Give the fullness of peace now to your faithful people. May
peace rule us in this life and possess us in eternal life. You are
about to fill us with the best of wheat; grant that what we see
dimly now as in a mirror, we may come to perceive clearly in
the brightness of your truth

All: We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and
glorify your holy resurrection, for the wood of the
cross has brought joy to the world.

Reading: Isaiah 52: 13-15

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him -
so marred was his look beyond that of man,
and his appearance beyond that of mortals -
So shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;
For those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Brief Reflection

After a Pause, the following Response is said by All:

All: For our sake Christ was obedient accepting even death, death
on a cross.

Canticle of Zechariah

Leader: Over his head they hung their accusation: Jesus of Nazareth,
King of the Jews.

R +Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his
people and set them free.

L He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of
his servant David.