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# The Road Signs to Calvary

## Opening hymn:

## Confession of sins:

1. Come to Calvary's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows to you, to me, to all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

### 1. What is Confession?

There are two parts to confession. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from a fellow Christian as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven in this way before our heavenly Father.

2. Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

### 2. What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we don't know we have done, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. However, before one another we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

### 3. Which sins are these?

Examine your place in life according to the Ten Commandments.  
Have you been faithful as a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee?  
Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?  
Have you injured anyone by what you have said or done?  
Have you stolen anything, neglected your duty, been careless, or damaged anything?

3. Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty free remission,  
Here the troubled peace, may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
How do you stand before God with such a ...

Christ gave to His Church  
on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners and to retain the sins of  
the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20: "[Jesus] breathed on [His disciples] and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive

the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:22,23).

4. He that drinks shall live forever;  
Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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## **Passon history**

## **Hymn**

## **Sermon**

## **Response: Hymn**

1. My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

## **Hymn**

## **Offering, Prayers, Blessing:**

## **Hymn**