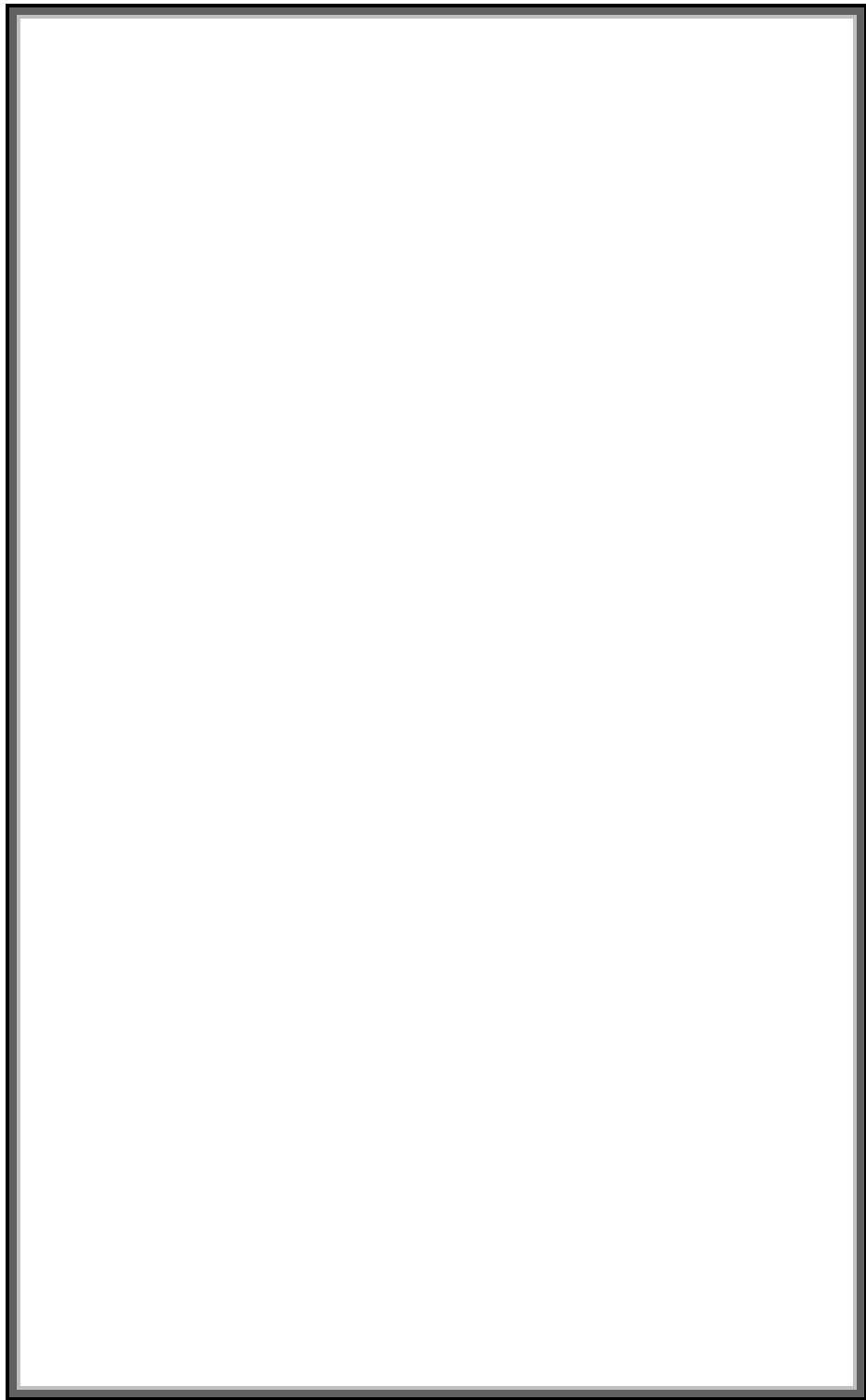
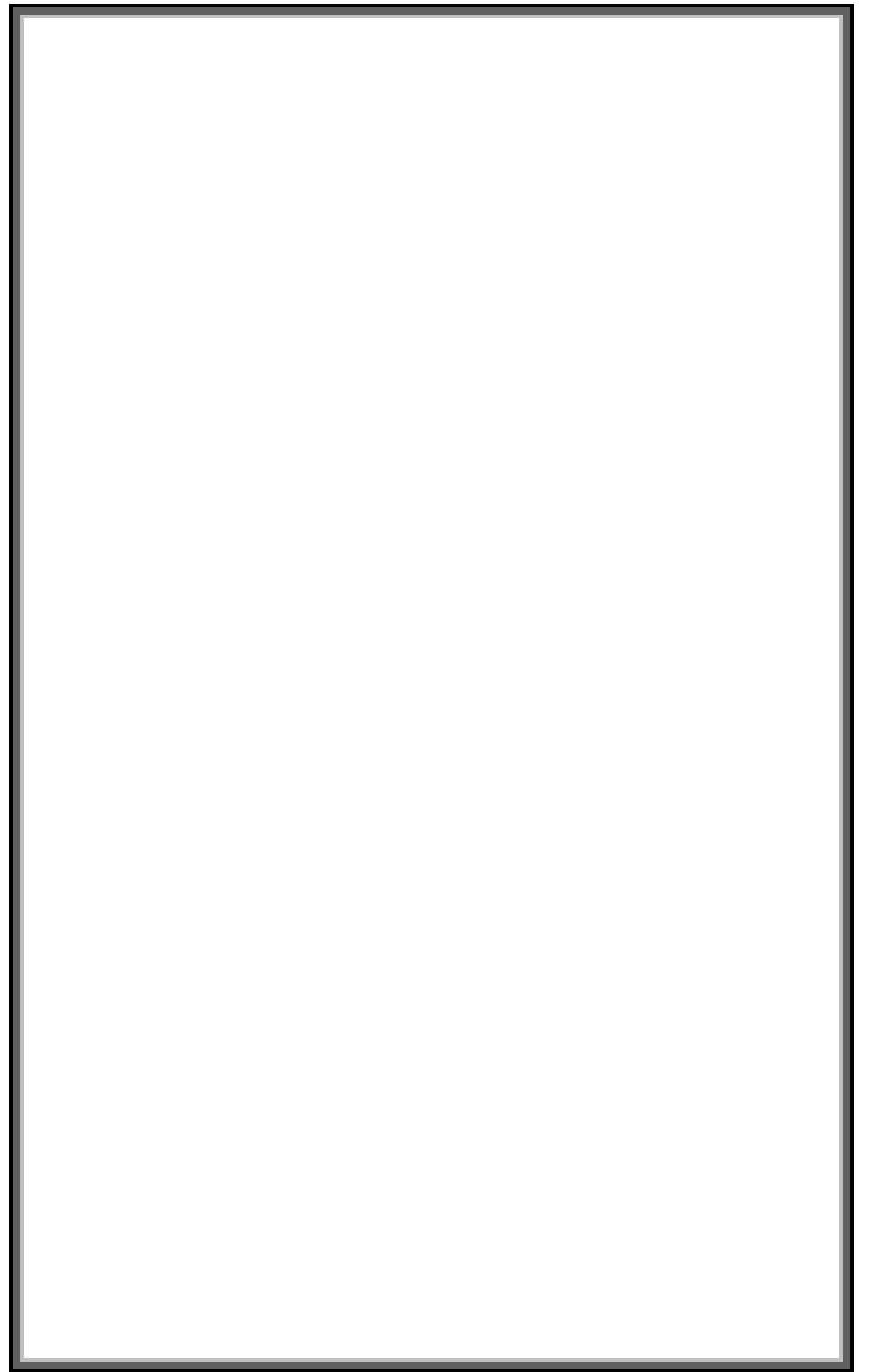


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Welcome: We welcome all who worship with us this evening. Tonight we will be following what is known as a Tenebrae Service. The word "tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows." In the early Christian Church a Tenebrae Service was held in remembrance of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. During this ancient service a candle was extinguished after each Scripture reading was completed. This was symbolic of the progressive darkening depths of Jesus' suffering, and of man's darkening depths of sin for which Jesus died.

In our worship this evening we continue that ancient tradition with an adaptation of such a service. As each of the seven readings are completed in the last part of the service, candles will be extinguished. At the end of the service, one candle will remain burning. This is the Christ candle. This candle will be carried out at the end of the service to symbolize Christ's three days in the tomb. Yet our Savior was not overcome by death, but rather He overcame sin and hell through death. When Jesus died on the cross, God's love for mankind did not die. That is why the Christ candle remains lighted. The burial of our Savior only serves to heighten our anticipation of Easter morning, when God would raise His Son and give to mankind His assurance of sins forgiven and Life Eternal.

Though the death of our Savior has now removed the threat and terror of death for us sinners, Good Friday remains a most solemn observance. Therefore, this evening we ask that you refrain from talking following the service until after you leave the church proper. This is a time for prayerful reflection on the part of God's Children. Though you may find it difficult to see and read by the end of the service, this serves also to remind us of our spiritual blindness apart from Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children:..... TLH 159: Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the Tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment-hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.
3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" bear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.
4. Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom,-- Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

The Seventh Word:..... Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

The Benediction:

The Exit of the Christ Candle:

Silent prayer:

Announcement: There will be no ushering out this evening. We ask that on this solemn occasion you please leave the church in silence after you have concluded your silent prayers. If you wish, you may remain in the church for personal meditation. Please refrain from speaking until you have left the church building, and out of respect for those wishing to remain, please greet each other quietly outside of the church. As you leave, it would be fitting to think of those events that occurred on that first Good Friday and of the victory that our Savior won for us by His death.



Hymn:..... WS 777: Amazing Grace

1. [All] Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
2. [Men] The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
3. [Women] Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. [All] When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Children's Recitation:..... John 19:17-20, 25-30

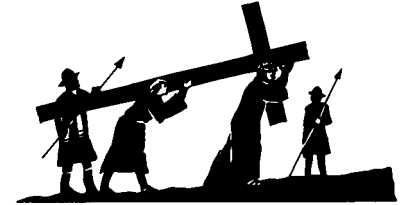
And Jesus, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ... Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

† THE ORDER OF GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP †

Entrance Solo: TLH 413, st. 5: I Walk in Danger All the Way

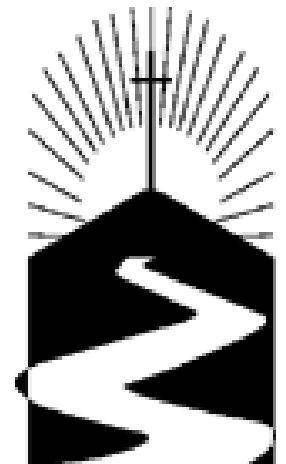
5. I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.



The Invocation, Announcements, & Opening Prayer:

Hymn:..... TLH 388:1-2, 5-6: Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1. [All] Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. [Men] Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. [Pastor] Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. [Women] Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. [All] Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Opening Liturgy: With TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

P: *"Behold, we go to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be betrayed, condemned, abused, and killed"* (Mark 10:32-34).

C: Because Jesus "walked" the way of the cross as our Savior, we who have "walked" and fallen into sin and death, have now received mercy and forgiveness from the Lord.

P: *In faith we trust God's promise that "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7) and that "whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

C: We "walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Sing [♪]: Let us suffer here with Jesus,
To His image, e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap with heavenly joy;
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

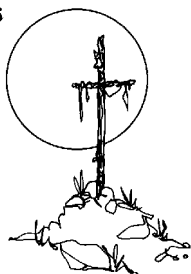
P: *"As you have received Christ, so walk in Him" (Colossians 2:6). As Enoch, Noah, Abraham, David, and other faithful "walked with God" – trusting His promises, keeping in step with His Word and "walking in His Truth" (Psalm 26:3), so may we follow in their footsteps (Psalm 17:5).*

C: Help us ever to "walk worthy of the Lord ... and of our calling" (Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1).

P: *Jesus said, "I am the Light; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).*

C: Help us ever to "walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

Sing [♪]: Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.



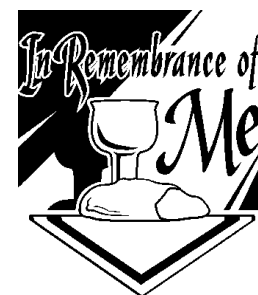
Communion Preparation: Based on Luther's Catechism

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

P: Where is this written, as we speak the Words of Institution together?

C: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' "In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

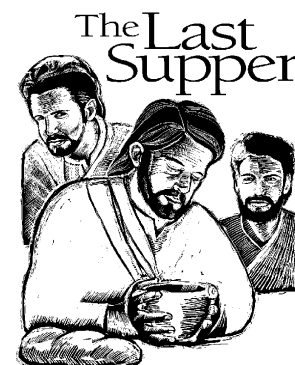


P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can simple eating and drinking do these wonderful things?

C: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.



Communion Distribution: Meditative Music

Post-Communion Prayer:

The Sixth Word: John 19:30a

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"

The Sixth Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Good Friday Devotion:Matthew 27:45-50

(45) Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. (46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (47) Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" (48) Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. (49) The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." (50) And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. (NKJV^m)

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus...

As He Died at Calvary

Response: TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

The Fifth Word: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

The Fifth Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn:..... TLH 307: Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.
2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.



Confession of Faith:Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Offering: Meditative Music

The First Word: Luke 23:32-34

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

The First Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Choir: TLH 175: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The Second Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn:..... TLH 215: Draw Us to Thee

1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.



3. Draw us to Thee; Oh, grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.
5. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

The Third Word: John 19:26-27

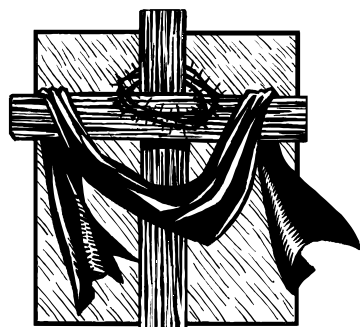
Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"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

The Third Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn: TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. [All] Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
2. [Women] Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. [Men] Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--
Wash me, Savior, or I die!



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4. [All] While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

The Fourth Meditation:

Candles Extinguished & Silent Meditation:

Hymn: TLH 172: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.
4. My burden in Thy Passion,
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression
Which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee,
Wrath were my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore Thee;
Redeemer, spurn me not!
8. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

