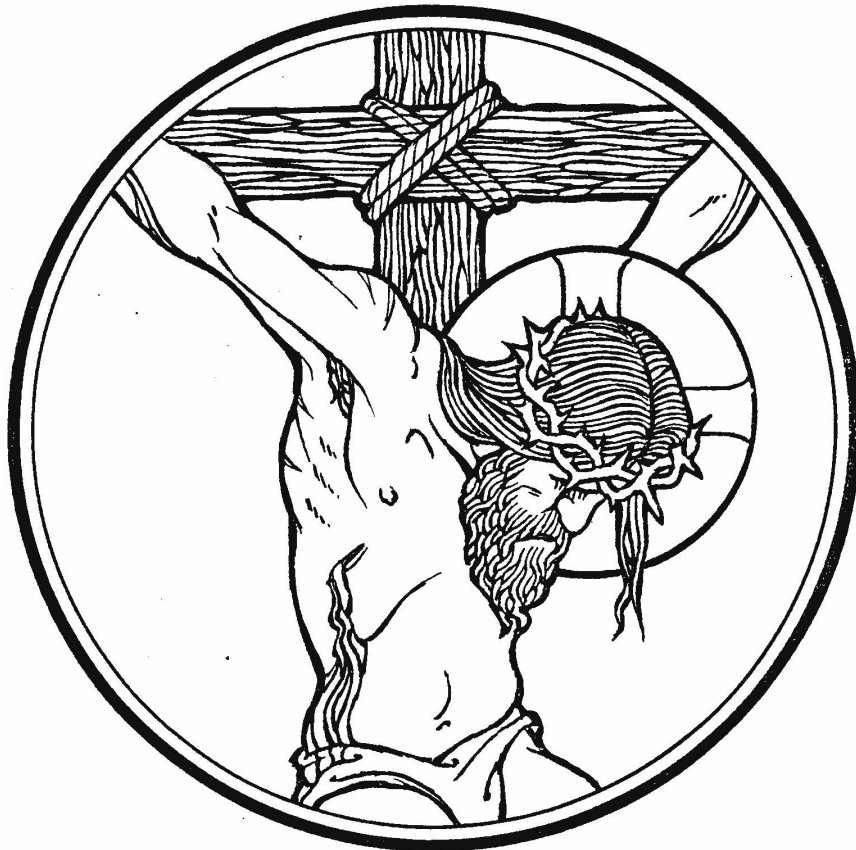




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 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



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 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

First Word (Luke 23:26-34)

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then " 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Meditation on the first word

The first candle is extinguished

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy – CW # 268 v 1

***Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!***

Second Word (Luke 23:38-43)

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
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All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!***

Third Word (John 19:25-27)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

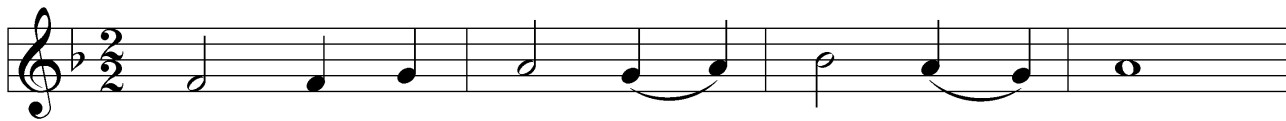
Meditation on the third Word

The third candle is extinguished

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" CW # 125

LENT

125 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

Fourth Word (Matthew 27:45-49)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

Meditation on the fourth word

The fourth candle is extinguished

HYMN: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” CW # 129

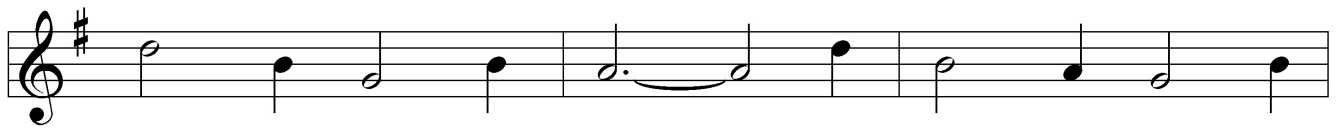
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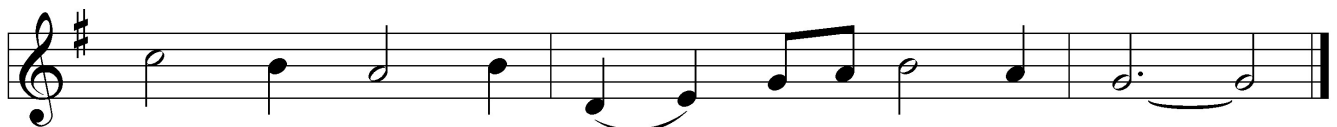
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed



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 its 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 sin - ners such 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 my eyes to tears.
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.

Fifth Word (John 19:28,29)

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Meditation on the fifth word

The fifth candle is extinguished

HYMN: "O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head" CW # 118

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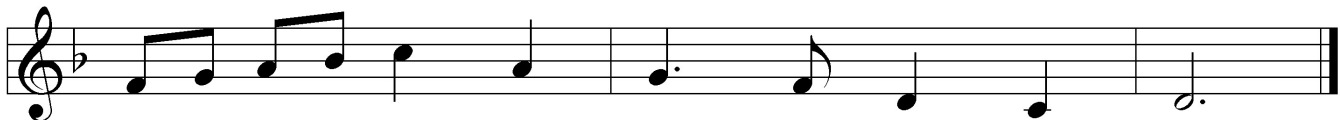
118 O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head



1 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred head With
2 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred hands With
3 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred feet With
4 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred heart With



thorns was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
nails were pierced for me; Oh, shed thy bless - ing
nails were pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
spear was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy Spir - it



on my head That I may think for thee.
on my hands That they may work for thee.
on my feet That they may fol - low thee.
in my heart That I may live for thee.

Text: Henry E. Hardy, 1869–1946, alt. From *The Book of Common Praise*.

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Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.

Sixth Word (John 19:30): When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation on the sixth word

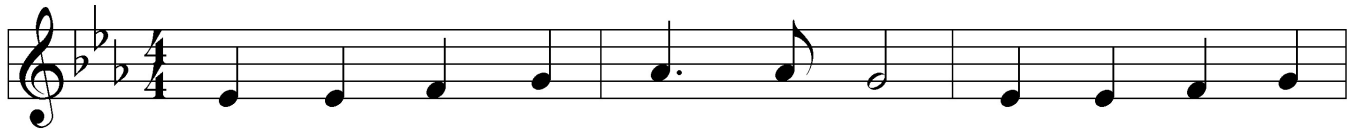
The sixth candle is extinguished

HYMN: "Go To Dark Gethsemane" CW # 104

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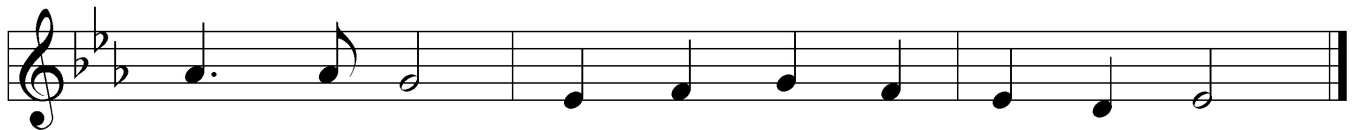
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Seventh Word (Luke 23:33-46)

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING

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Meditation of the seventh word

The seventh candle is taken away.

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BIDDING PRAYER

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

**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.**

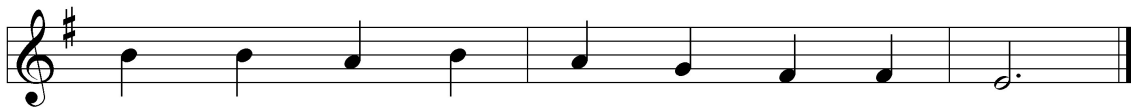
**For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**



1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the
 3 No pain that we can share But he has
 4 And on his thorn - crowned head And on his
 5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he



fin - ished now, All that he left his
 Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,
 felt its smart; All forms of hu - man
 sin - less soul Our sins in all their
 dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing



throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
 Sac - ri - fice, You died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need,
 Before the judgment throne,
 Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
 Your merits, not my own.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, abr., alt.
 Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540–91.

Silence for meditation

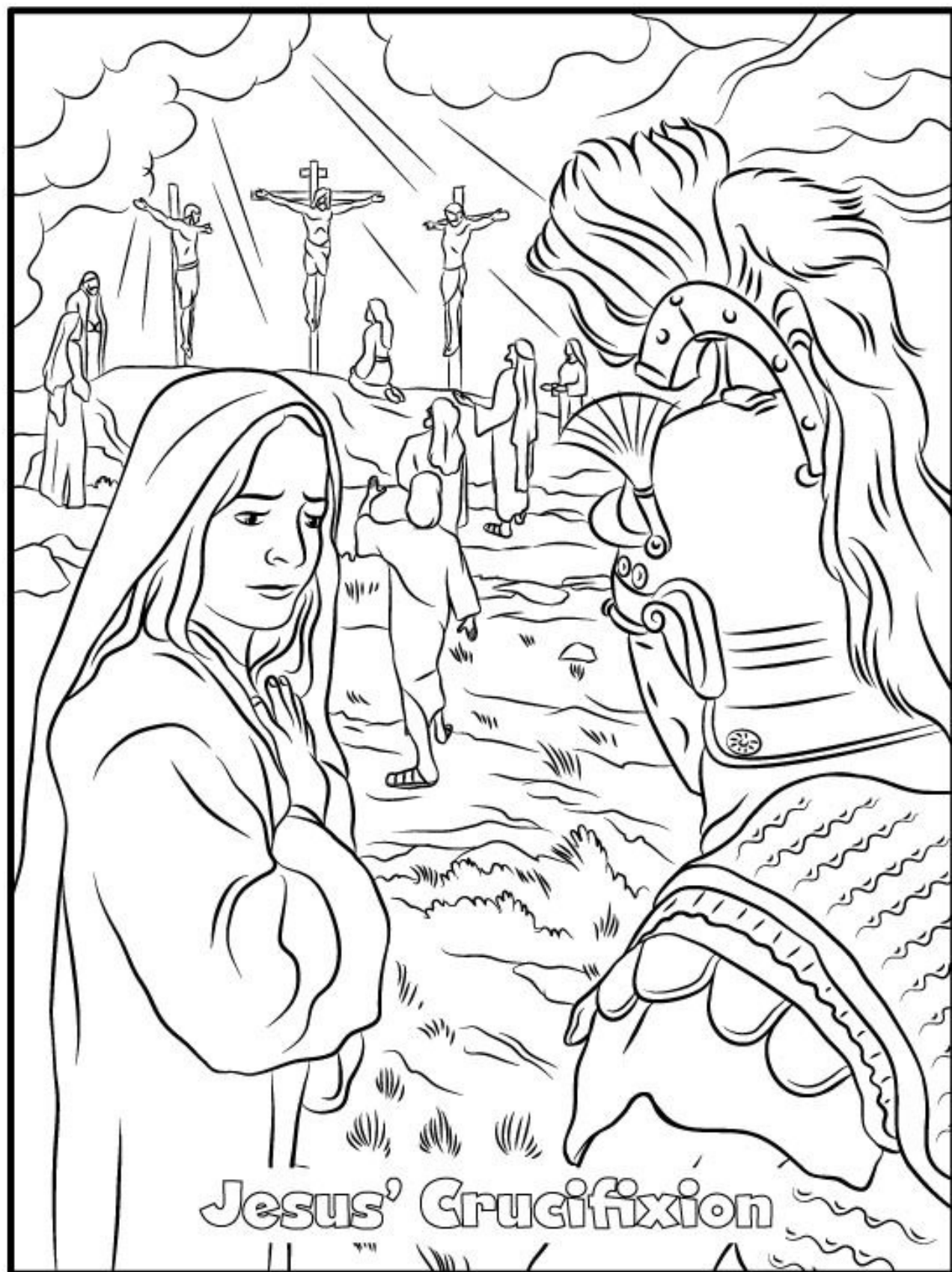
M: The absence of a lighted candle has symbolized the three days spent by Christ in the tomb. The light of the unextinguished candle will soon ignite the Paschal candle in anticipation of the light of Easter morning. By this light we are reminded that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished by the darkness of sin and death. Instead, Christ's death and resurrection gives light and life to his faithful followers so that we might spread that light throughout the world. Christ has defeated sin, death, and hell so that all those who believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The noise of the closing of the Bible is to acknowledge that our sins were paid for on the cross - Christ's work was done.

A loud noise (strepitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard.

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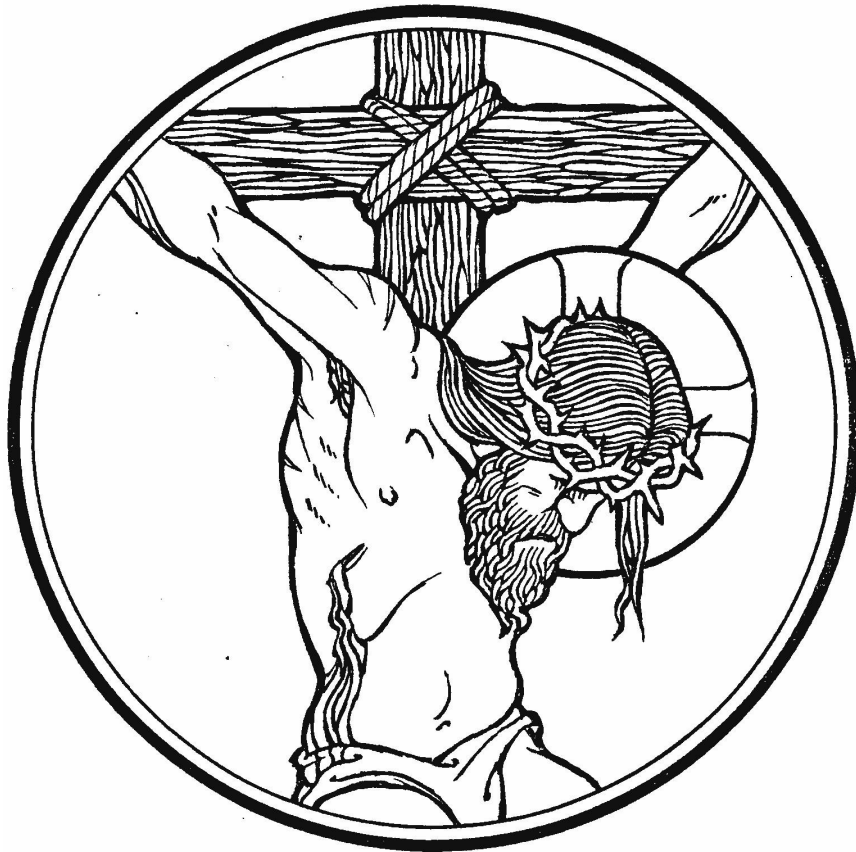
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None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



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That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
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and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

First Word (Luke 23:26-34)

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then " 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Meditation on the first word

The first candle is extinguished

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy – CW # 268 v 1

***Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!***

Second Word (Luke 23:38-43)

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Meditation on the second word

The second candle is extinguished

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy – CW # 268 v 3

***Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!***

Third Word (John 19:25-27)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

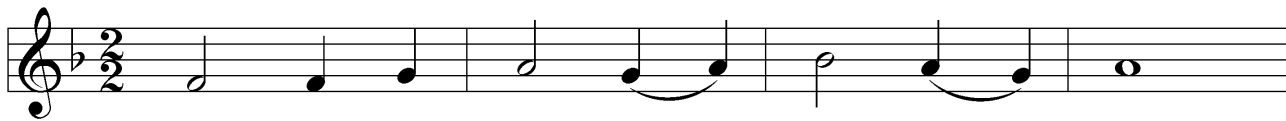
Meditation on the third Word

The third candle is extinguished

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" CW # 125

LENT

125 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

Fourth Word (Matthew 27:45-49)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

Meditation on the fourth word

The fourth candle is extinguished

HYMN: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” CW # 129

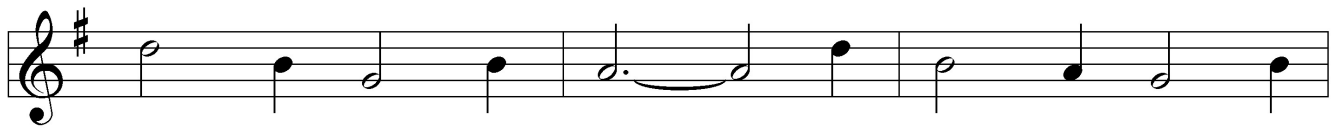
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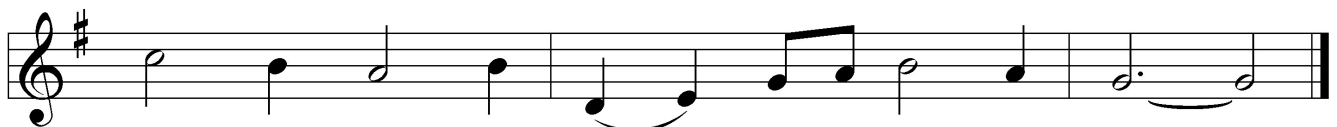
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed



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 its 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 sin - ners such 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 my eyes to tears.
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.

Fifth Word (John 19:28,29)

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Meditation on the fifth word

The fifth candle is extinguished

HYMN: "O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head" CW # 118

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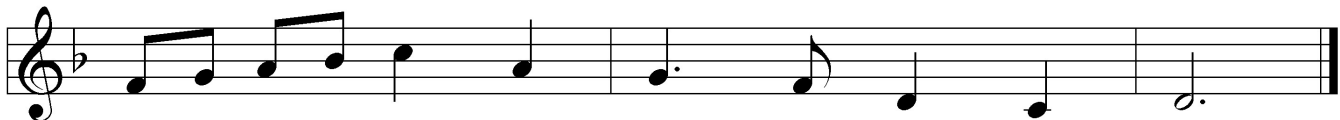
118 O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head



1 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred head With
2 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred hands With
3 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred feet With
4 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred heart With



thorns was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
nails were pierced for me; Oh, shed thy bless - ing
nails were pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
spear was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy Spir - it



on my head That I may think for thee.
on my hands That they may work for thee.
on my feet That they may fol - low thee.
in my heart That I may live for thee.

Text: Henry E. Hardy, 1869–1946, alt. From *The Book of Common Praise*.

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Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.

Sixth Word (John 19:30): When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation on the sixth word

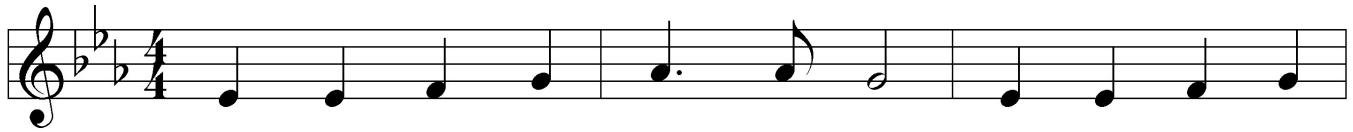
The sixth candle is extinguished

HYMN: "Go To Dark Gethsemane" CW # 104

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Go to Dark Gethsemane



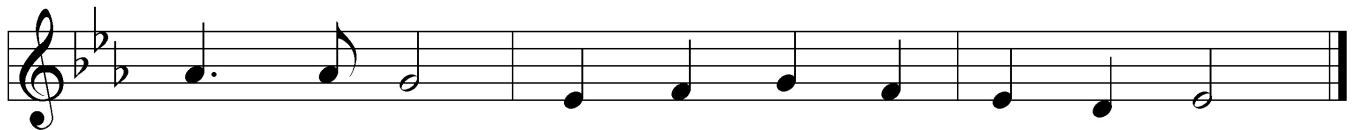
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Seventh Word (Luke 23:33-46)

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING

OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Meditation of the seventh word

The seventh candle is taken away.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength so that he might also cry out in victory and peace. You gave him the strength to accomplish our salvation so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

BIDDING PRAYER

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

**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.**

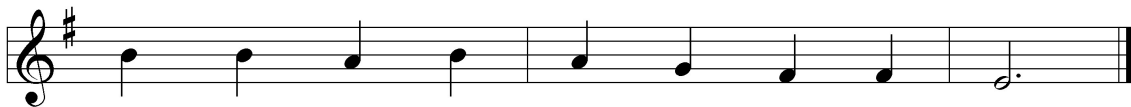
Oh, Perfect Life of Love



1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the
 3 No pain that we can share But he has
 4 And on his thorn - crowned head And on his
 5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he



fin - ished now, All that he left his
 Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,
 felt its smart; All forms of hu - man
 sin - less soul Our sins in all their
 dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing



throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
 Sac - ri - fice, You died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need,
 Before the judgment throne,
 Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
 Your merits, not my own.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, abr., alt.
 Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540–91.

Silence for meditation

M: The absence of a lighted candle has symbolized the three days spent by Christ in the tomb. The light of the unextinguished candle will soon ignite the Paschal candle in anticipation of the light of Easter morning. By this light we are reminded that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished by the darkness of sin and death. Instead, Christ's death and resurrection gives light and life to his faithful followers so that we might spread that light throughout the world. Christ has defeated sin, death, and hell so that all those who believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The noise of the closing of the Bible is to acknowledge that our sins were paid for on the cross - Christ's work was done.

A loud noise (strepitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard.

The Paschal candle, the symbol of the risen Christ, and the sure and certain hope given to us in Baptism is revealed as lit.

PEACE BE WITH YOU. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

