



*Good Friday*

HOLY WEEK

***DEAD AND BURIED:***

***A One-Time Substitute Buries All-Time Guilt***

*The Seven Words from the Cross*  
*Good Friday, April 17, 2025*

# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

*Restrooms:* are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

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## *Dead and Buried* HOLY WEEK

For centuries, believers have set aside this entire week for special observance. We recognize that the events of Holy Week are the foundation of our eternal life! In Holy Week, we see the impossible: The Son of God dies. The Lord of life enters the last place he belonged—the grave. But what we will see this week is that, when Jesus entered the tomb, he did not go alone. He buried all our baggage with him: sin, guilt, shame, condemnation, fear. Jesus will walk out of the tomb. But thanks to him, those things will all stay *dead and buried*.

## TODAY'S THEME: A ONE-TIME SUBSTITUTE BURIES ALL-TIME GUILT

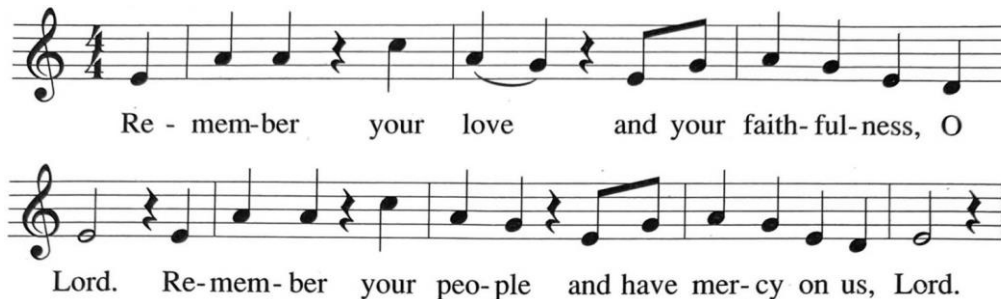
Though the events of Good Friday fill us with horror, the implications of those events give us every reason for peace and solemn joy. Jesus' death has breathtaking significance. Once and for all, he paid for the guilt of all of us and for all of time. Standing in our place, our Substitute was forsaken by his Father on the cross so that we could be reconciled to God and have an eternal home in heaven. We look at Jesus on the cross, and there is sorrow. He is there because of us. He is there because he loves us that much, so much he gave us his last breath. Jesus took all our guilt into the tomb with him. It will stay there. He will not. That is why we can call this Friday good.

## GATHERING RITE

## Remember Your Love

*The cantor introduces the refrain. Then the congregation repeats the refrain and sings the refrain following each verse.*

### Refrain (x2)



*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?*

*The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears. Refrain*

*If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?*

*But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand. Refrain*

*O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.*

*My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek. Refrain*

## INVOCATION AND GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

As we prepare to reflect upon Christ, our Savior, and his seven words from the cross, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Lord Jesus, our covenant and promise:*



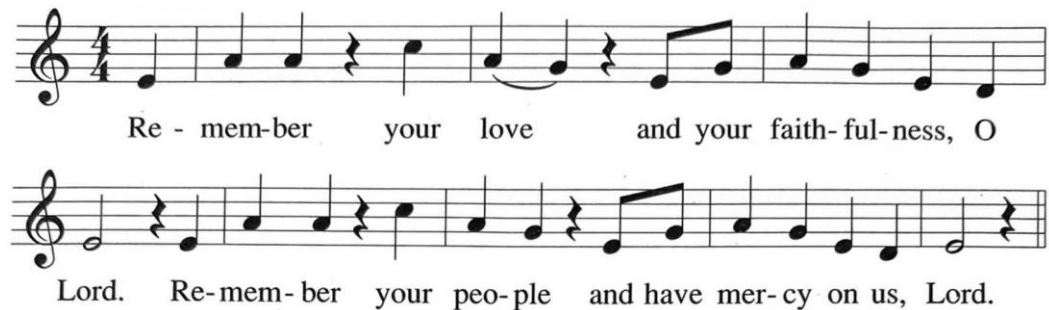
*Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation:*



*Lord Jesus, beloved Son of God:*



May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**



## DEVOTION

## Galatians 3:10–13

<sup>10</sup>In fact, those who rely on the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the book of the law.” <sup>11</sup>Clearly no one is declared righteous before God by the law, because “The righteous will live by faith.” <sup>12</sup>The law does not say “by faith.” Instead it says, “The one who does these things will live by them.”

<sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. As it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
 God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;



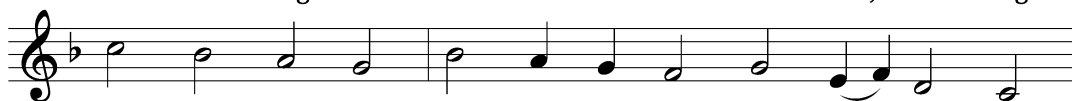
none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,  
 to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,



grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
 the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread  
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes  
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
 de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,  
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share  
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion."  
 who built the earth's foun - da - tion.

## FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32–34

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

*A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED. SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

**They pierce my hands and my feet.**

They divide my garments among them

**and cast lots for my clothing.**

He bore the sin of many,

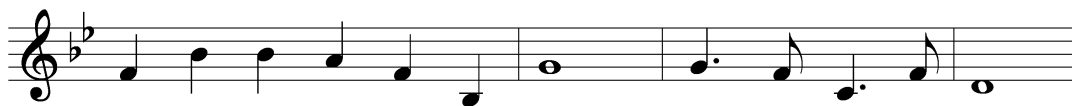
**and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

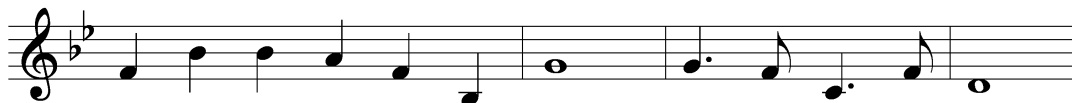
**Amen.**

## HYMN

813 He Will Hold Me Fast, sts. 2–3



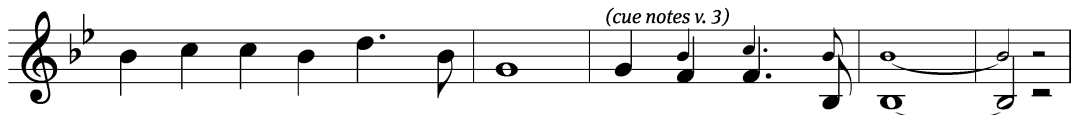
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

## SECOND WORD

## Luke 23:35–43

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!”

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine,  
<sup>37</sup>saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup>Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

*A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED. SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

All who see me mock me;  
**They hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

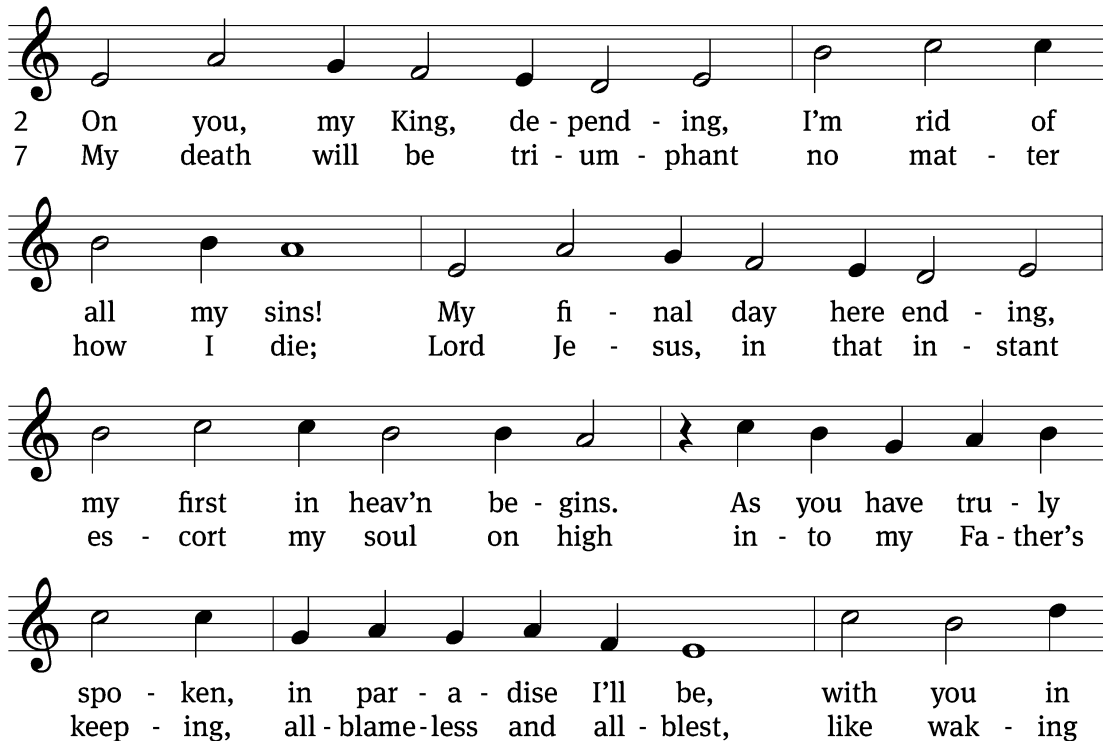
“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.  
**Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.  
**Come to my aid when you save them.**

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 436 The Seven Words, sts. 2, 7



2 On you, my King, de - pend - ing, I'm rid of  
7 My death will be tri - um - phant no mat - ter

all my sins! My fi - nal day here end - ing,  
how I die; Lord Je - sus, in that in - stant

my first in heav'n be - gins. As you have tru - ly  
es - cort my soul on high in - to my Fa - ther's

spo - ken, in par - a - dise I'll be, with you in  
keep - ing, all - blame - less and all - blest, like wak - ing



### THIRD WORD

John 19:25–27

<sup>25</sup>Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

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This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,  
**and to be a sign that will be spoken against,**

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.  
**And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?  
**Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls.  
Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain  
safety, contentment, and joy in your service.  
**Amen.**



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
 He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



*Refrain*  
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

## FOURTH WORD

## Matthew 27:45–46

<sup>45</sup>From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land.

<sup>46</sup>About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

*A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED. SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?**

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,

**by night, but I find no rest.**

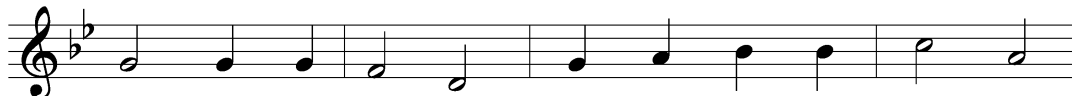
“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon  
**and darken the earth in broad daylight.”**

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken, sts. 1, 3, 5



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
her - it, this I do mer - it.  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

## OFFERING

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).*



*During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!*

## OFFERING SONG

### 568 His Robes for Mine

*The congregation sings the refrain after stanza 3, stanza 4, and the final refrain.*

- 1 *His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)*
- 2 *His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. (Refrain)*
- 3 *His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. (Refrain)*



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.

My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.

Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.

He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;

I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home! (Refrain)

## FIFTH WORD

John 19:28–29

<sup>28</sup>After this, when he knew that all things necessary for the Scripture to be fulfilled had now been accomplished, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

<sup>29</sup>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.

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My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
**you lay me in the dust of death.**

I am worn out calling for help;  
**my throat is parched.**

They put gall in my food  
**and gave me vinegar for my thirst.**

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 525 The Lamb, sts. 1, 3–4



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right-eous - ness.

### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

## SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

*A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED. SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

**to cleanse them from sin and impurity.**

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,

**I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.**

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

**I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.**

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 431 O Perfect Life of Love, sts. 1-5



- 1 O per - fect life of love! All, all is fin - ished now,  
 2 No work is left un - done of all the Fa - ther willed;  
 3 No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;  
 4 And on his thorn-crowned head and on his sin - less soul  
 5 In per - fect love he dies; for me he dies, for me!



all that he left his throne a - bove to do for us be - low.  
 his toil, his sor - rows, one by one, the Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
 all forms of hu - man grief and care have pierced that ten - der heart.  
 our sins in all their guilt were laid that he might make us whole.  
 O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, you died to make me free!

## SEVENTH WORD

## Luke 23:44-46

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

*THE LAST LIT CANDLE IS REMOVED FROM THE CHAPEL. SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;  
**he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.  
**He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## 423 The Power of the Cross, sts. 1, 3



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the  
3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
dead are raised to life; "Fin-ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.



1- his the pow'r of the cross: Christ be-



came sin for us. Took the blame,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

## THE BURIAL

John 19:31–42

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

<sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>Again another Scripture says, “They will look at the one they pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

<sup>40</sup>They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

<sup>41</sup>There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

BE SEATED

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

## HYMN

## 437 Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor, sts. 1, 3



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -  
 3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we



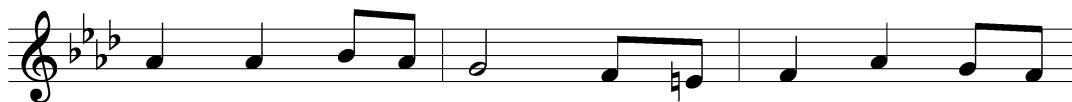
in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and  
 wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is



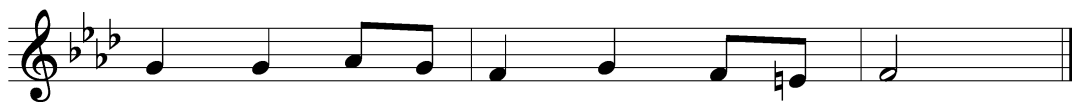
bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.  
 pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.



Pi - late's guards stand watch-ing, wait - ing where they  
 Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es



rolled the seal-ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er  
 bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.  
 morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.

*THE SEVENTH CANDLE RETURNS TO THE CHAPEL.*

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

**Amen.**

*WORSHIPERS LEAVE THE CHAPEL IN SILENCE.*

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