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# Ironies of the Passion



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# ✠ Order of Worship ✠

## OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #154

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

**P** O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

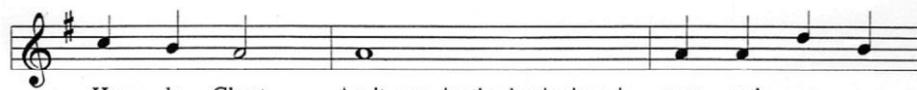
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



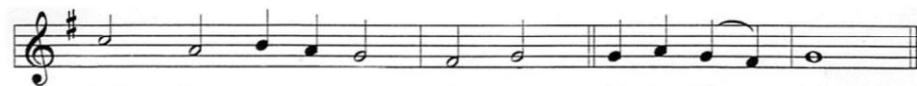
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."
- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Hymn: WS #724**

**"Jesus, Remember Me"**

- C** ♪ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (*Repeat*)

✠ **Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #178**

**"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"**

**SERMON TEXT – Luke 23:39-43** One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Ironies of the Passion: "Don't You Fear God?"**

**RESPONSE**

*Rev. 5:12; TLH #367:4*

**P** "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Amen.

**C** *Worship, honor, power, and blessing* Thou art worthy to receive; Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

*The offering plate will be sitting in the back of church.*

**LORD'S PRAYER and BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: Below "My Song is Love Unknown"**



1. My song is love un -  
2. He came from His blest  
3. Here might I stay and



known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love  
throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow; But  
sing, No story so di - vi - ne! Nev -



to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
I all my days Could gla - dly spend.