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**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Santa Barbara, California**

P Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn – *Jesus, In Your Dying Woes*

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**1 Jesus, in your dying woes,
Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

**2 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief who near you dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

**3 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart your sorrows rend,
And your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

**4 Jesus, plunged in depths unknown
With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

**5 Jesus, in your thirst and pain,
While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

**6 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father's will obeyed,
By your suff'rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

Please stand.

**7 Jesus, all your labor vast,
All your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

P O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P Hasten to save me, O God.

C **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my

groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. ¹⁰ From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. ¹³ Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me; they have pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. ²⁰ Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him — may your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him — those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn — for he has done it.

The Psalm Prayer

P Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure 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.

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Sermon – Isaiah 52:13-15

Look, my servant will succeed. He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted. ¹⁴Just as many were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form was disfigured more than any other person—¹⁵so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him, because they will see something they had never been told before, and they will understand something they had never heard before.

Why something bloody and brutal is wonderful and beautiful!

**1 Upon the cross extended,
See, world, your Lord suspended;
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**2 How God at our transgression
To anger gives expression,
How loud his thunders roll,
How fearfully he smites him,
How sorely he requites him --
All this your suff'rings teach my soul.**

**3 'Tis I who should be smitten,
My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in hell.
The fetters and the scourging,
The floods around you surging,
'Tis I who have deserved them well.**

**4 A crown of thorns you're wearing,
My shame and scorn you're bearing
That I might ransomed be.
My bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt has made me free.**

**5 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.**

**To you I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.**

The Bidding Prayer

- A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ. – *Silent prayers.*
- P Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of his truth, keep in safety the works of your mercy
- C so that your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name.**
- A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God. – *Silent prayers.*
- P Almighty and everlasting God, by the Holy Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,
- C receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all your servants in your holy Church that every member may truly serve you according to your calling.**

- A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord. – *Silent prayers.*
- P Almighty God and Father, because you always grant growth to your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that,
- C rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom you adopt as your sons and daughters.**
- A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. – *Silent prayers.*
- P O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly ask you to graciously regard your servants,
- C especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; and all who have authority over us; that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word.**

A Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel. – *Silent prayers.*

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who are in any tribulation or distress graciously come before you,

C so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort.

A Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into his family, the Church. – *Silent prayers.*

P Almighty and everlasting God, because you seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you,

C free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church.

- A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before him as is fitting for Christians. – *Silent prayers.*
- P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord,
- C grant us, we implore you, your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve you in true fear, to the praise and glory of your name.**
- A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation. – *Silent prayers.*
- P O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us.
- C We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation, all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with your whole Christian Church.**
- A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them and graciously

dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to his own good will. – *Silent prayers.*

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by your Word you created and you continue to bless and uphold all things. We ask you to reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that through his dwelling in our hearts, we may by your grace be made ready to receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need.

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C 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.

The Words from the Cross

The First Words - 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. ²⁷ A large

number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ 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!' ³⁰ Then "they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ 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. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Hymn – *O Dearest Jesus*

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1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken

That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?

Of what great crime have you to make confession--

What dark transgression?

The Second Words - Luke 23:38-43

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹

We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

**2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they
scourge you;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you;
They crucify you.**

The Third Words – John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ 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," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal
anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,
This I do merit.**

The Fourth Words – Matthew 27:45-49

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ 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?"

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ 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. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!

**The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt his servants owe him,
Who would not know him.**

The Fifth Words – John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ 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.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,

**That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever**

The Sixth Words – John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

**7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
I too shall praise you.**

The Seventh Words – Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The worshipers may remain for meditation and leave quietly.

Our thanks to Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn for leading us in worship this evening. Pastor Uhlhorn is one of the Synod's Home Mission Counselors. He and his wife, Daneen, live in Colorado Springs.



Easter Sunday Worship

Easter Festival Worship 9:30am
Fellowship gathering after worship

