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THE HOLY TRINITY**  
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# **Sunday Morning Prayer**

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

**Prelude:** O Lamm Gottes unschuldig

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

*O innocent Lamb of God, slaughtered on the trunk of the Cross, patient at all times, however you were scorned. You have borne all sins, otherwise we would have to despair. Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

**Introit:** Hosanna to the Son of David

**Thomas Weelkes**

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Opening Hymn:


All glory laud and honor  
Valet will ich dir geben

Hymnal 154

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## The Opening Sentence

*Leader* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Leader* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

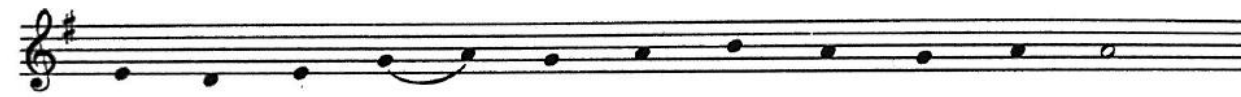
*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# The Invitatory: Venite

# Plainsong



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



Come let us a - dore him.



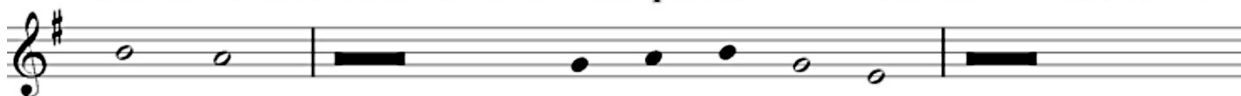
1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our



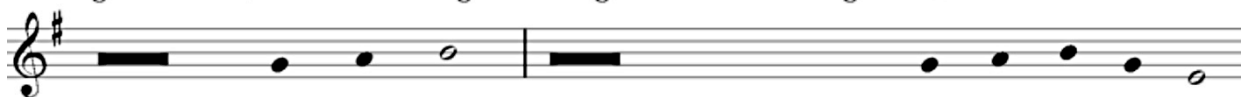
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a



great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are



the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.



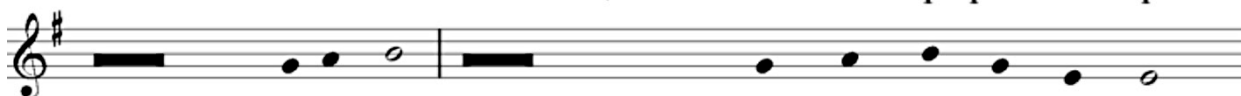
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.



6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord



our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture



and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:  
Come let us a - dore him.

*Then follows*

## **Psalm 31:9-16**

Tone II.1

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble;\*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and / my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing;\*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones / are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance;\*  
when they see me in the street they / avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, / out of mind;\*  
I am as useless as / a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is / all around;\*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot / to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in / you, O LORD.\*  
I have said, "You / are my God.
- 15 My times are / in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant,\*  
and in your loving-kind/ness save me."

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, \*  
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now, \*  
and will be forev/er. Amen.

## **The Readings**

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### **The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence

Keiser New

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some  
 2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and  
 3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our  
 4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,  
 pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,  
 sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,  
 hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your  
 that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of  
 and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and  
 the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.  
 grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.  
 par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.  
 all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

1.- 3. 4.



## **The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Phillipians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Frank W. Boles



*Descant (Soprano/Tenor)*



3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n-ly

1. Splen - dor and hon - or, ma - jes - ty and pow - er,  
 2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
 3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



splen - dor, and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb

are yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - ery bless - ing,  
 by whose self - off'r - ing we are made God's peo - ple:  
 and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



Shep - herd, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,

for by your bid - ding was the whole cre - a - tion  
 a priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and na - tions,  
 be a - dor - a - tion, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,

now and for e -

called in - to be - ing.

called to God's ser - vice.

now and for e -

3. ver. Ah

ver.

### The Reading of the Passion - Mark 15:1-39, 40-47

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

**ALL: "Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand in body or in spirit.)**

NARRATOR: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**ALL: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"**

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**ALL: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."**

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**ALL: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."**

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**ALL: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."**

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner*

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All*      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

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*Leader* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Leader* Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share



in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Sundays**

*Leader* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

*Leader* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

## **The Offertory / Parish Notices**

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### *HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:*

*Wednesday:*

*6:00 pm Tenebrae Service – Premiere on FB*

*Maundy Thursday:*

*6:00 pm Agape Meal on Zoom (this will be an “in person” event and will not be streamed to social media sites)*

*Good Friday:*

*Stations of the Cross – online all day (FB/YouTube)*

*6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy – Premiere on FB*

*Holy Saturday:*

*9:00 am Holy Saturday Liturgy – Premiere on FB*

*8:00 pm Easter Vigil – Livestreamed from the church*

*Easter Morning:*

*11:00 am Holy Eucharist – Live Streamed from the Church*

*12:30 pm social gathering on the square, after the service*

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Leader* Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:9-11*)

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Ride On*

**Grayston Ives**

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes  
hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road*

*with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. Ride on, ride on in majesty!*

*In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign. (Henry Milman)*

## **Prayer for Mission**

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People: Palm Sunday**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers. Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, makes sacrifices for our neighbor, and offers ourselves to you. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, for all of us who live in the midst of pandemic, fear, insecurity, famine, and uncertainty, Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, for those who make decisions, and those who must live with the, and all the people who are our fellow citizens. Bless us with your humility. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who have no job, those who have lost their homes, those who are without safety, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus you touched and healed those who came to you to find wholeness, look with compassion on those who have asked for our prayers, James, Ashley, Barbara, Octavia, the Tokley Family, Jess, Brooke, John, Peter, Barbara, Robert, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Mihayo, MomMom Carol, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Jerry's Family, and those you wish to name. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. We pray for those who died from the Coronavirus, for those who will die, for those who have died for other reasons, and for all we love who have died,

especially Jean, may they rest with you in glory, and may we find comfort knowing they are once again in your loving embrace. Lord in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Sentence**

*Leader* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

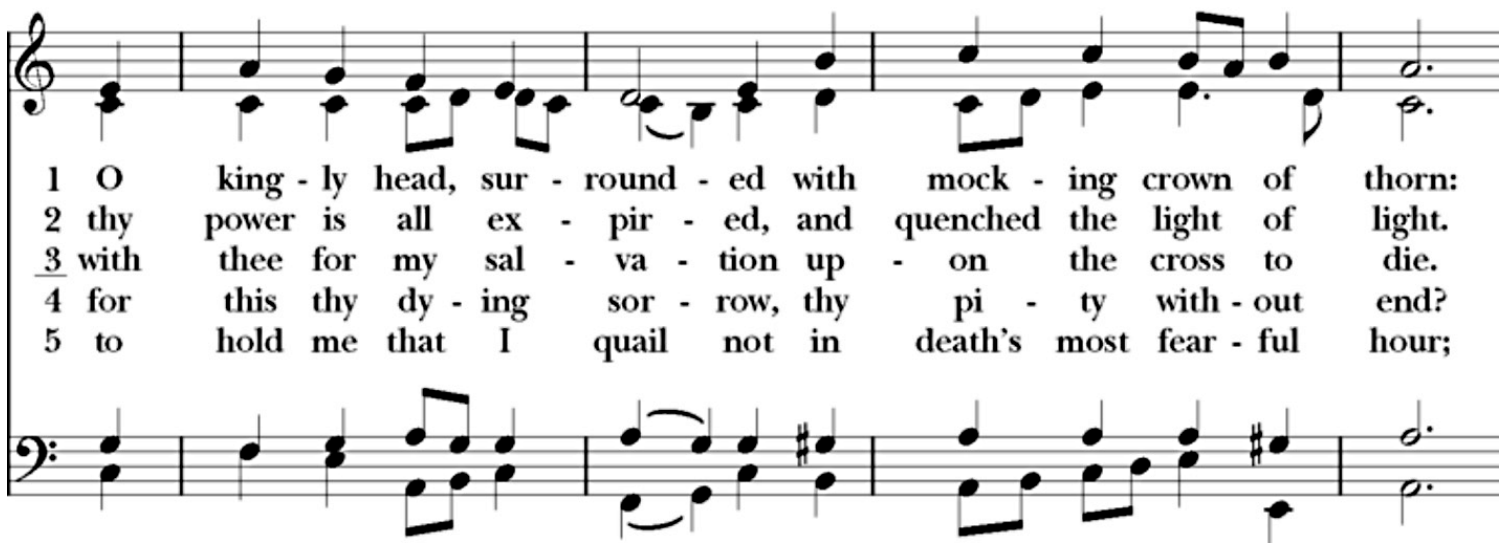
Closing Hymn

*O sacred head sore wounded  
Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Hymnal 168



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

**Postlude:**

*Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen*      **Johann Sebastian Bach**

*O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
 That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
 Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
 What dark transgression?*

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Centurion Peter Ryker

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