

# JOHN 3:16

*For God  
So Loved  
the World*

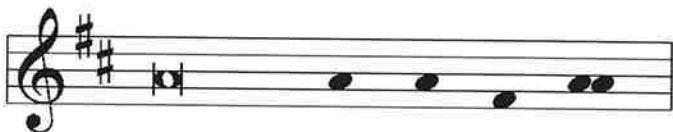


**Behold the Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World**

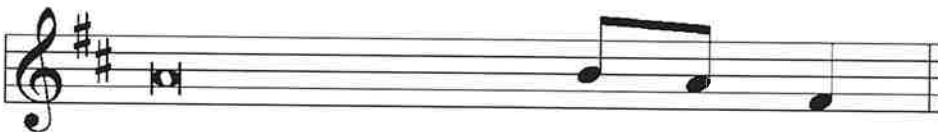
Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the world. *“Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and carries our sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement, so that *“with his wounds we are healed”* (Is. 53:4–5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). In perfect faith and faithfulness, He shares all our weaknesses and temptations, *“yet without sin”* (Heb. 4:15), and as our merciful High Priest, He brings us to the Father in peace.

*The congregation and pastor enter in silence.*

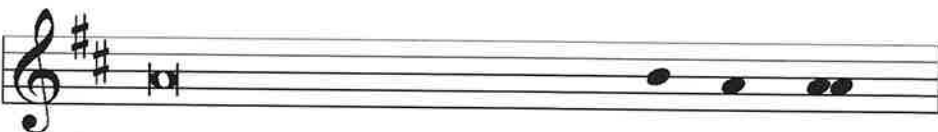
**Versicles**



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalm 31



- P** <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*  
in your righteousness de- | liver me!
- <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!\*
- Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to | save me!
- C** <sup>3</sup>For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;  
<sup>4</sup>you take me out of the net they have hidden | for me,\*  
for you are my | refuge.
- P** <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
- <sup>6</sup>I hate those who pay regard to worthless | idols,\*  
but I trust | in the LORD.
- C** <sup>7</sup>I will rejoice and be glad in your | steadfast love,\*  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress | of my soul,  
<sup>8</sup>and you have not delivered me into the hand of the | enemy;\*  
you have set my feet in a | broad place.
- P** <sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- <sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing;\*  
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.
- C** <sup>11</sup>Because of all my adversaries  
I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;\*  
those who see me in the street | flee from me.
- <sup>12</sup>I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;\*  
I have become like a broken | vessel.

**P** <sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many— terror on | every side!—\*  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to | take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You | are my God.”

**C** <sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

<sup>16</sup>Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!

**P** <sup>17</sup>O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call up- | on you;\*  
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently | to Sheol.

<sup>18</sup>Let the lying | lips be mute,\*  
which speak insolently against the righteous in pride | and contempt.

**C** <sup>19</sup>Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who | fear you\*  
and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
in the sight of the children of | mankind!

<sup>20</sup>In the cover of your presence you hide them from the | plots of men;\*  
you store them in your shelter from the | strife of tongues.

**P** <sup>21</sup>Blessèd | be the LORD,\*  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
when I was in a besieged | city.

<sup>22</sup>I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off | from your sight.”\*  
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy  
when I cried to | you for help.

**C** <sup>23</sup>Love the LORD, all | you his saints!\*  
The LORD preserves the faithful  
but abundantly repays the one who | acts in pride.

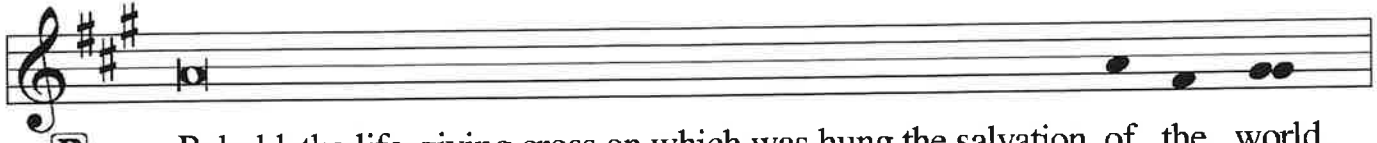
<sup>24</sup>Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

**Choir: When You Prayed Beneath the Trees**

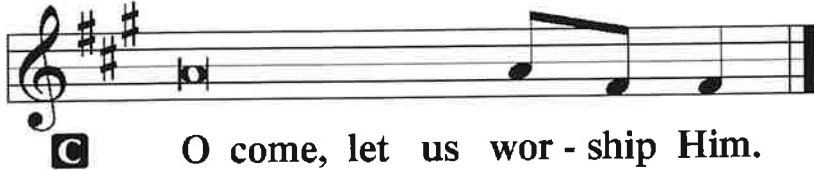
## The Seven Last Words of Christ

*The Cross is unveiled as the sentences and responses are sung.*

### Sentence and Response

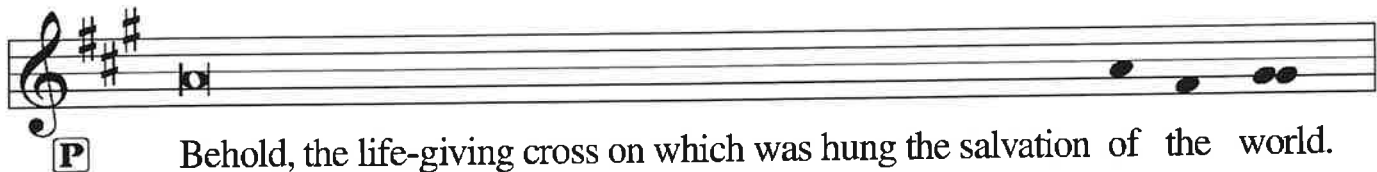


**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

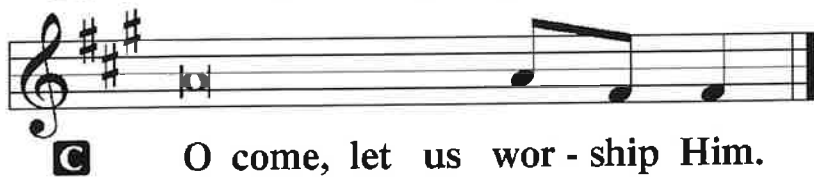


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*One side is unveiled.*

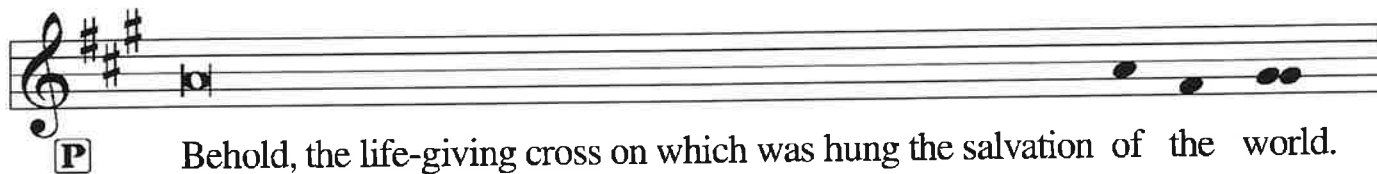


**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

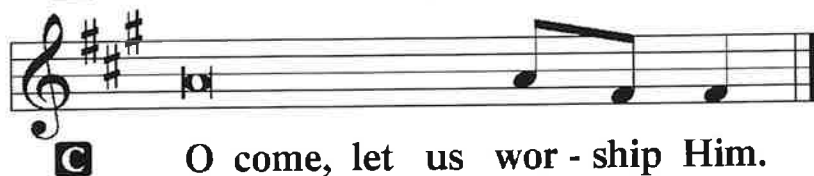


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The other side is unveiled.*



**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The Cross is fully exposed.*

### The First Word: Forgiveness for Sinners

*Luke 23:34*

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

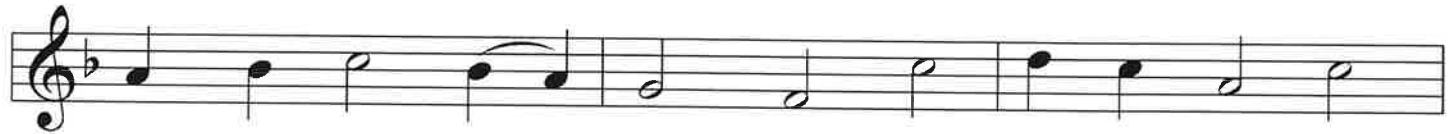
*A candle is extinguished.*

# Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438 v. 1-2



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."

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## The Second Word: Promise of Paradise

Luke 23:43

<sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438 v. 3-4

3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I’ll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom’s plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

Your de - cree, I’ll do what You have asked Me.” O  
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

to the grave Who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.  
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## The Third Word: Provision Provided

John 19:26–27

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

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 449 v. 1–2



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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## The Fourth Word: Forsaken for My Sake

Matthew 27:46

<sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

### Reading Response

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 449 v. 3–4



3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;

For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.

O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,

Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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## The Fifth Word: The Final Sip

John 19:28

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

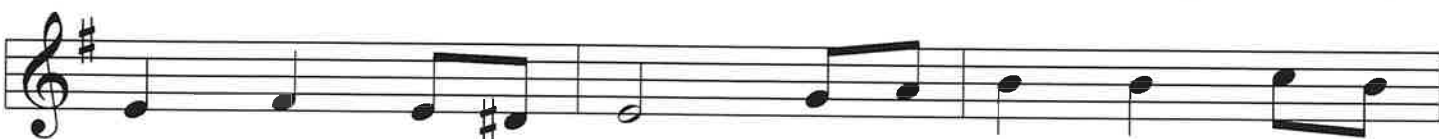
LSB 451 v. 1-2



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

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## The Sixth Word: Prophecy Fulfilled

John 19:30

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

### Reading Response

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451 v. 3–4



3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## Sermon: How God Loves ~ John 3:16

### Choir: Calvary

*Kneel/Stand*

#### Prayers

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.

#### Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Concluding Collect

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452 v. 5-7



5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.  
6 In ev - 'ry time of need, Be - fore the judg - ment throne,  
7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;



O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy mer - its, not mine own.  
And let my love the an - swer be To grace Thy love has brought.

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*The Pascal Candle is extinguished.*

*The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.*

*The three-day service (Triduum) concludes tomorrow night with the **Easter Vigil at Trinity, North Morristown at 8 p.m.***

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