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~ OPENING SENTENCES & WELCOME ~

**Almighty God, look with mercy on your family
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. AMEN**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
Tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**O Lord our God, how can we lift our faces to you,
for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.
From the days of our ancestors to the present,
we have been deep in guilt,
and we are ashamed of all our iniquities.
For we have forsaken your commandments
and filled the land from end to end
with uncleanness.**

**And now, our God, what shall we say?
Here we are before you in our guilt,
and no one can face you who may claim
to be righteous, no one but Jesus Christ,
the Righteous One himself.
After all that has come upon us for our sins
and our great guilt, you, our God,
have not punished us as our iniquities deserve;
you have not forsaken us,
but have extended your steadfast love to us,
to give us new life in Christ.
Forgive us, therefore, O merciful God,
for the sake of your gracious Son, Jesus Christ,
that His great suffering and His redeeming work
might bring us fully into eternal fellowship
with you, and that we might commit
and commend our spirits, as He has done,
into your loving and gracious hand.**

(Silence)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as your Son Jesus Christ went to the cross, speak to us this day by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word and be reminded of Christ's great sacrifice. AMEN

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round in head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy;
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

Woman, here is your son.

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I!**

**Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!**

FOURTH WORD – Matthew 27:45-46
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

RESPONSE – “Ah, Holy Jesus”
**Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O, most afflicted!**

FIFTH WORD – John 19:28-29
I am thirsty.

RESPONSE – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
**O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns, Thy only crown.
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.**

SIXTH WORD – John 19:30
I am finished.

RESPONSE – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

SEVENTH WORD – Luke 23:44-49
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

RESPONSE – SILENCE

Hymn – “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away,
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God’s own sacrifice complete;
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

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The service ends in silence
without a Benediction
as we anticipate
the Day of Resurrection.



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