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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Welcome

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter celebration.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS +

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: 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 spoke to the crowd: "What do you wish me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So, after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

L: God did not spare his own Son,

C: **but delivered him up for us all.**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to the place called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

L: The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

C: **for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross” ELW 335

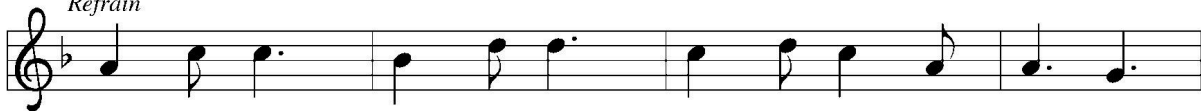


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

C: **cannot be my disciple.**

“All to Jesus I Surrender” TFF 235



1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ings fall on me.

Refrain



I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

L: Let us pray. Holy One, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of Christ Jesus who laid down his life for us.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

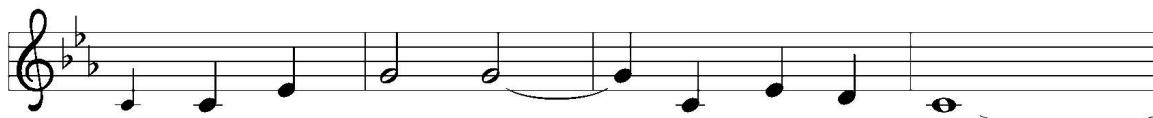
C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

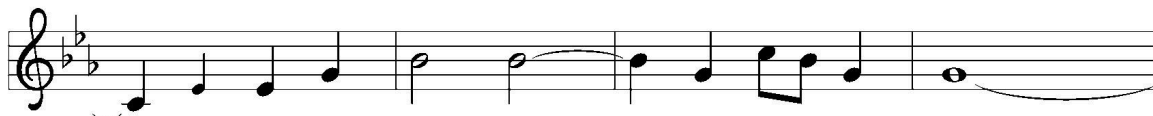
L: Those who sowed with tears

C: **will reap with songs of joy.**

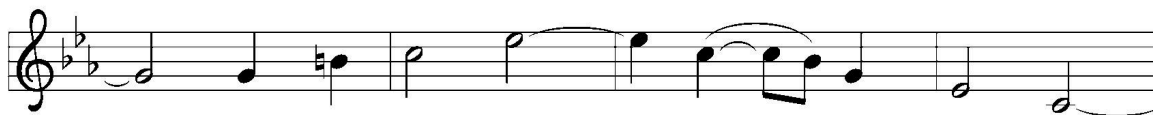
"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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L: Let us pray. Teach your church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: When they came to a place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. The soldiers divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

L: They gave me gall to eat,

C: **and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

“When the Storms of Life Are Raging” TFF 198



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;



when the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;
 in the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me;
 in the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;



when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;
 when the hosts of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,
 when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.

L: Let us pray. O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

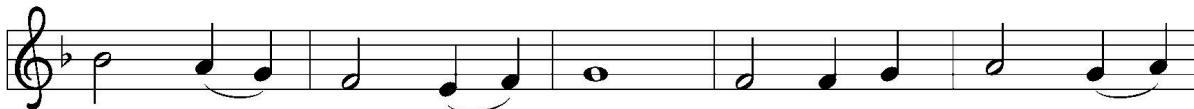
L: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. He poured out himself to death, and yet he bore the sin of many.

L: They pierce my hands and my feet;
C: they stare and gloat over me.

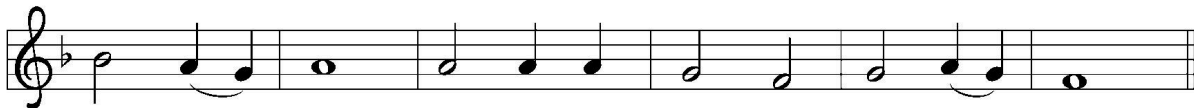
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

Please rise in body or spirit.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

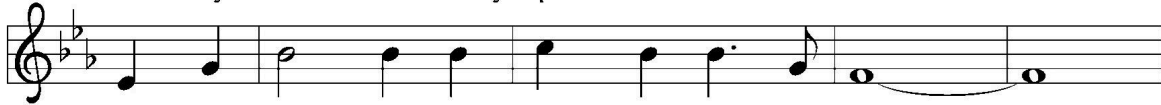
L: Christ for us became obedient unto death,

C: **even death on a cross.**

"Were You There" ELW 353, verses 1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

L: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever.

C: **Amen**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

The assembly may be seated.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

L: Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

L: You will not abandon me to the grave,
C: **nor let your holy one see corruption.**

“Were You There” ELW 353, verses 4-5

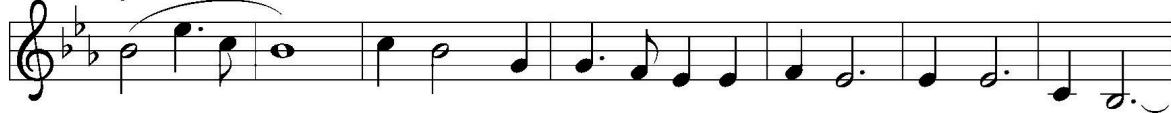


4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

L: Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day. Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever.

C: **Amen**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: **have mercy and hear us.**

Silence For Prayer

L: We glory in your cross, O Lord,
 and we praise your holy resurrection,
 for by your cross joy has come into the world.
 May God be merciful and bless us;
 may the light of God’s face shine upon us.
 Let your way be known upon earth,
 your saving health among all nations.
 We glory in your cross, O Lord,

and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.
We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
Amen.

During this time, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it. Depart in silence.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for our Easter Sunday Service!



Happy Birthday to: .

Meet with Pastor Jessica

Pastor Jessica would love the opportunity to meet with you and get to know you better. If you're interested in scheduling a conversation, please reach out to Pastor Jessica after worship, by phone 301-412-8989, email pastorjessica@holyltrinitynarberth.org, or Calendly calendly.com/pastorjessica.

Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event - SATURDAY, MAY 16th at 9:30am

We will gather to package 20,000 emergency meals for The Grace Food Bank in Mantua. Please contact the church office at holyltrinitynarberth@gmail.com or 610-664-5503 if you plan to attend.

We also need your financial support to make this happen. Please consider donating online at holyltrinitynarberth.org. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with "Barb Grimaldi Meal Packaging Event" noted in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the church office at 196 Woodbine Ave. Narberth, PA 19072, or simply placed in the offering plate at worship. Thank you.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Jan Doan

Mark Frye

Ben Hoffman

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

Sharon Neall (Hall family member)

Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)

Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)

The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd

Marbury Hooey

John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)

Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Ann Dixon (friend of the Hoffmans)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)

Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)

Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy McCluskey)

Ellen Mitchell (sister of Mary Williamson)

Bob Fuhrmeister (grandson of Bob Catherman)

Anthony Fuhrmeister (great-grandson of Bob Catherman)

Steve Crews (Kim's father)

The Lim family (friends of the Princes)

Cheryl Kurpiel and Family (friends of the Frye Family)

Cestare family (Extended family of Kim)

Bob Gamble (friend of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey)

Joe Prince & Greg Savoy (loved ones of the Princes)

Deborah deHeyman and family (friends of Holy Trinity)

Katy Olsen (Pat Brubaker's niece)

Lori Chambers (friend of Mark and Dee Jaye Frye)

Laurie & Wayne (friends of Pat Brubaker)