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God Calls Us to Worship



PRELUDE

#314 What Wondrous Love Is This

CALL TO WORSHIP†

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.

All: Who redeems us from sin and death.

One: For us and for our salvation, ...

All: ... Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

One: God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us.

All: Will God not also give us everything else with Christ?

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever.

OPENING HYMN†

#306 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MESOS HYMN†

#324 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Interlude: #641 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS LITANY



Litany Hymn

#335 Cross of Jesus (vs. 1, 2)





1st Reading - Luke 23:26-27, 32-34 – Jesus is led away

26 As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

27 A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women.

[...]

32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.

33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

2nd Reading - Luke 23:39-42 – Crucified with criminals

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?”

41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

3rd Reading - John 19:25- 27 – Woman, here is your son

25 Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.”

27 And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

4th Reading - Matthew 27:45-46 – Eli, Eli, lema sabbachtani

45 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock.



46 At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

5th Reading - John 19:28-29 – I thirst

28 Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty."

29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

6th Reading - John 19:30a – It is finished

30a When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!"

Interlude: #304 Behold The Lamb

7th Reading - Luke 23:46 – Into your hands

46 Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

8th Reading - Luke 23:47-53 – Jesus is laid in the tomb

47 When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent."

48 And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

49 But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council,

51 but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.

52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

53 Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet

Litany Hymn

#335 Cross of Jesus (vs. 3, 4)