

OPENING VERSES (Isa 53:7-9 TEV)

He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly;
he never said a word.

Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be shorn,
he never said a word.

He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die,
and no one cared about his fate.

He was put to death for the sins of our people.

He was placed in a grave with those who are evil,
he was buried with the rich,
even though he had never committed a crime or ever told a lie.

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn - LHS 55

Collect

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray for joy and eternal life through Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you were lifted up on the cross to redeem the world and you shed your blood to forgive our sins. By your holy life, suffering and death on our behalf, give us joy and receive us into eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gospel

Mark 15:1-20 Jesus before Pilate and mocked by the soldiers

Response

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

Psalm 69:1–18 (NIV)

Save me, O God,

for the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in the miry depths,
where there is no foothold.

I have come into the deep waters;
the floods engulf me.

I am worn out calling for help;

my throat is parched.

My eyes fail,
looking for my God.

Those who hate me without reason
outnumber the hairs of my head;

many are my enemies without cause,
those who seek to destroy me.

I am forced to restore
what I did not steal.
You, God, know my folly;
my guilt is not hidden from you.
Lord, the Lord Almighty,
may those who hope in you
not be disgraced because of me;
God of Israel,
may those who seek you
not be put to shame because of me.
For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.
I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;
for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;
when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.
Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.
But I pray to you, Lord,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.
Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
Come near and rescue me;
deliver me because of my foes.

Gospel

Mark 15:21-32 Jesus is crucified and mocked

Response

My face is red with weeping, and deep darkness is on my eyelids.

Look and see: is there any sorrow like my sorrow?

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see: is there any sorrow like my sorrow?

Psalm 69:16–36 (NIV)

Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.

**Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.**

Come near and rescue me;

deliver me because of my foes.

You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;

all my enemies are before you.

Scorn has broken my heart

and has left me helpless;

**I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I found none.**

They put gall in my food

and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

May the table set before them become a snare;

may it become retribution and a trap.

**May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
and their backs be bent forever.**

Pour out your wrath on them;

let your fierce anger overtake them.

May their place be deserted;

let there be no one to dwell in their tents.

For they persecute those you wound

and talk about the pain of those you hurt.

Charge them with crime upon crime;

do not let them share in your salvation.

May they be blotted out of the book of life

and not be listed with the righteous.

But as for me, afflicted and in pain—

may your salvation, God, protect me.

I will praise God's name in song

and glorify him with thanksgiving.

This will please the Lord more than an ox,

more than a bull with its horns and hooves.

The poor will see and be glad—

you who seek God, may your hearts live!

The Lord hears the needy

and does not despise his captive people.

Let heaven and earth praise him,

the seas and all that move in them,

for God will save Zion

and rebuild the cities of Judah.

Then people will settle there and possess it;

the children of his servants will inherit it,

and those who love his name will dwell there.

Silence

Meditation

Prayer

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Stay with us, Lord,

**for it is towards evening
and the day is almost over.**

Stay with us, Lord,

and with your whole church.

At the end of the day,

at the end of our life,

at the end of the world,

stay with us, Lord.

With your grace and goodness,

with your holy word and sacrament,

with your comfort and blessing,

stay with us, Lord.

When we face the night of suffering and fear,

the night of doubt and temptation,

the night of bitter death,

stay with us, Lord,

and with all your faithful ones,

through time and eternity.

Watch, dear Lord,

with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,

and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Hear us, Lord.

Tend your sick ones.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Hear us, Lord.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your troubled ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

Hear us, Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace.

Lord, be with all of us;

drive away the devil

and remove every trap he sets;

let your holy angels stay with us

to keep us in peace;

and let your blessing be always on us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[Lord's Prayer](#)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn - LHS 70

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**