

OPENING VERSES (Isa 53:10-12 TEV)

The Lord says, It was my will that he should suffer;
his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness.

**After a life of suffering, he will again have joy;
he will know that he did not suffer in vain.**

**My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased,
will bear the punishment of many
and for his sake I will forgive them.**

And so I will give him a place of honour,
a place among the great and powerful.
He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of evil men.

**He took the place of many sinners
and prayed that they might be forgiven.**

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

Amen.

Hymn - Glory be to Jesus – LHS 69

Collect

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray for blessing and peace through Jesus.

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, you bore our sins in your own body on the tree of the cross, so that we might die to sin and live in justice. Have mercy on us, both now and at the time of our death, so that we who celebrate and remember your suffering for us may live this life in blessing and peace and by your grace receive the gift of eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gospel

Mark 15:33-41 The death of Jesus

Response

Our Shepherd, the fountain of living waters, is gone.

At his passing, the sun was darkened.

Our Saviour has broken the bars and the very gates of death.

Yes, he has destroyed the prisons of hell

and overthrown the power of the devil.

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Psalm 130:1–8 (NIV)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord

**more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
**for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Gospel

Mark 15:42-47 The burial of Jesus

Response

I am counted among those who go down to the pit.

**I have become like those who have no help,
like the slain that lie in the grave.**

You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep.

**I have become like those who have no help,
like the slain that lie in the grave.**

Psalm 143:1–12 (NIV)

Lord, hear my prayer,

listen to my cry for mercy;

**in your faithfulness and righteousness
come to my relief.**

Do not bring your servant into judgment,

for no one living is righteous before you.

The enemy pursues me,

he crushes me to the ground;

**he makes me dwell in the darkness
like those long dead.**

So my spirit grows faint within me;

my heart within me is dismayed.

I remember the days of long ago;

**I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done.**

I spread out my hands to you;

I thirst for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, Lord;

my spirit fails.

**Do not hide your face from me
or I will be like those who go down to the pit.**

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

for I have put my trust in you.

Show me the way I should go,

for to you I entrust my life.

Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,

for I hide myself in you.

Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God;

**may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.**

For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life;

in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

In your unfailing love, silence my enemies;

destroy all my foes,

for I am your servant.

Silence

Meditation

Prayer

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

From all evil,

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

By the mystery of your incarnation;

by your holy life;

by your bitter suffering and death;

by your prayer repeated three times;

by your sacred body buffeted and beaten;

by the spitting on your face;

and by the false judgment pronounced on you by Caiaphas;

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

By your painful crown of thorns;

by your purple robe of mockery;

by your unjust condemnation;

by your bearing of your own cross;

by the tearing off of your garments;

and by your dreadful crucifixion;

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

By the anguish you suffered on the cross;

by your prayers and tears;

by the insults you endured;

by the shedding of your precious blood;

by your patience and humility;

and by the love with which you loved us to the end;

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

We sinners beg you:

Lord Jesus, hear us.

That being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness;

that we may glory only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;

that we may take up our cross daily and follow you;

that your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God;

that taking your example, we may follow in your steps;

that sharing in your sufferings we may also share in your glory:

Lord Jesus, hear 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;

have mercy on us.

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

grant us peace.

We praise and adore you, Lord Jesus;

by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, you were lifted up on the cross to redeem the world, and you shed your blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lead us through your suffering and death into the gates of Paradise with joy. **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 53](#)

[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.**