

This do in remembrance of Me

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Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- **C** to God my exceeding joy.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- **P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution

- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in +1 peace.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12–19

¹²What shall I render | to the LORD* for all his bene- | fits to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name | of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD* in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD* is the death of his saints. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your | servant;* I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows | to the LORD* in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,* in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Verse John 13:1b

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel John 13:1–17, 31b–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead

In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, 2

Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor 3

That we follow Christ our Savior

And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Litany

- L O Lord.
- C have mercy.
- L O Christ.
- **C** have mercy.

- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **L** God the Father in heaven,
- C have mercy.
- [L] God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** God the Holy Spirit,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- **C** Spare us, good Lord.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- C Help us, good Lord.
- **I** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

- **C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- **L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

- C Help us, good Lord.
- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- L We poor sinners implore You
- C to hear us, O Lord.
- To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- L O Christ,
- C hear us.
- L O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.
- L Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.
- **C** Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your name's sake.

- Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members. Mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

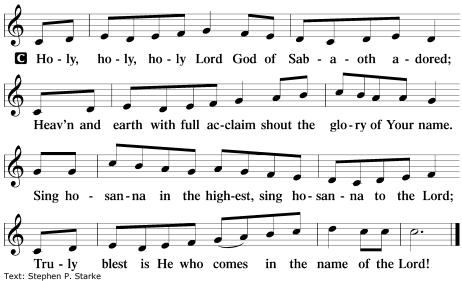
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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

 Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

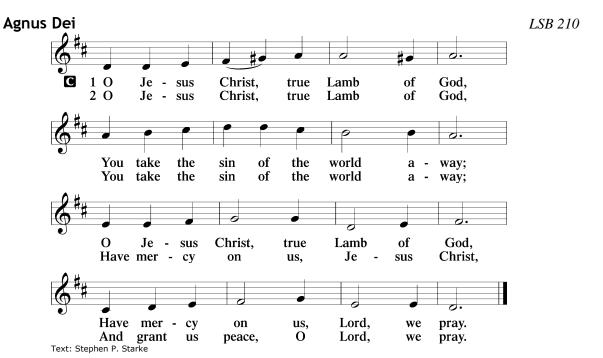
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution Hymns:

"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

LSB 446

- Jesus, greatest at the table,
 The almighty Son of Man,
 Laid aside His outer clothing,
 Poured some water in a pan;
 As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
 He the servant's task began.
- 2 Marvel how their Lord and teacher
 Gently taught them not to vie
 As He humbly knelt before them,
 Dusty feet to wash and dry,
 By His tender touch expressing
 True compassion from on high.
- 3 Jesus took the role of servant
 When upon that gruesome span,
 For all human sin He suffered
 As a vile and loathsome man;
 On the cross poured out like water
 To fulfill the Father's plan.
- 4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
 Do we see what God has done?
 Who can grasp this great reversal:
 Love that gives His only Son?
 Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
 For the many dies the One.
- 5 Jesus gave to His disciples
 A commandment that was new:
 "Show My love to one another,
 Do as I have done for you;
 All the world will know you love Me
 As you love each other too."

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"Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

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- 1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling Of the glorious body sing, And the blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles' Lord and King, Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.
- Giv'n for us, and condescending
 To be born for us below,

 He with us in converse blending
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,

 Till He closed with wondrous ending
 His most patient life of woe.
- 3 That last night at supper lying
 Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
 Jesus, with the Law complying,
 Keeps the feast its rites demand;
 Then, more precious food supplying,
 Gives Himself with His own hand.
- Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,
 By His word His flesh to be;
 Wine His sacred blood He maketh,
 Though the senses fail to see;
 Faith alone the true heart waketh
 To behold the mystery.
- △ 5 Glory let us give and blessing

 To the Father and the Son,

 Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,

 While eternal ages run;

 Ever too His love confessing

 Who from both with both is One.

Who from both with both is One.
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"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

- Jesus Christ, our blessèd Savior,
 Turned away God's wrath forever;
 By His bitter grief and woe
 He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying, Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.
- Jesus here Himself is sharing;
 Heed then how you are preparing,
 For if you do not believe,
 His judgment then you shall receive.
- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given, Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.
- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and
 rest.

- Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

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<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*
  Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,*
  and by night, but I | find no rest.
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,*
  enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;*
  they trusted, and you de- livered them.
<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;*
  in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,*
  scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;*
  they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
8"He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
  let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*
  you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.
<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast | from my birth,*
  and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,
  for trouble | is near,*
  and there is | none to help.
<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;*
  strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,*
  like a ravening and roaring | lion.
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,
  and all my bones are | out of joint;*
my heart is like wax;
  it is melted with- | in my breast;
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
  and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*
  you lay me in the | dust of death.
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<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;*
  a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my | hands and feet—
<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—*
they stare and gloat | over me:
<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,*
  and for my clothing they | cast lots.
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*
  O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,*
  my precious life from the power of the dog!
  <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
  in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!
  All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,*
  and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred
  the affliction of the afflicted.
and he has not hidden his | face from him.*
   but has heard, when he cried to him.
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*
  my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
  those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!*
  May your hearts live for- ever!
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember
   and turn to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations
  shall worship be- | fore you.
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
  and he rules over the | nations.
<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
  before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
  even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;*
  it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- ation;
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
  that he has | done it.
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All leave the church in silence.

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