Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

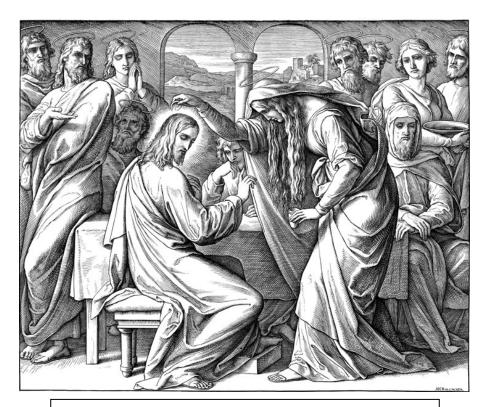
A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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"And Jesus answereth them, saying, 'The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.'"

St. John 12:23

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The History of the Passion and Death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

(Compiled by Martin Chemnitz according to the Four Evangelists)

THE FIRST LESSON

And when they had sung an hymn, + Jesus came out, and went forth, as He was wont, over the brook Cedron into the Mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. Then saith + Jesus unto them, "All ve shall be offended because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.' But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." But Peter answered and said unto Him, "Though all shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended." And + Jesus saith unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice." But he spake the more vehemently, "If I should die with Thee, I will not deny Thee in any wise." Likewise also said all the disciples. Then cometh + Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, where was a garden, into the which He entered and His disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, knew the place; for + Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with His disciples. Then said + Jesus unto the disciples, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder."

And He took with Him Peter, and James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sore amazed, and sorrowful, and very heavy. Then said He unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with Me, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and fell on His face on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him; and He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me; nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt." And He cometh unto His disciples and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, "Simon, sleepest thou? Couldest not thou watch with Me one hour? Watch ye and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me except I drink it, Thy will be done." And when He returned, He found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy), neither wist they what to answer Him. And He left them, and went away again and prayed the third time the same words, saying, "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done."

And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven strengthening Him.

And, being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest! Why sleep ye? It is enough; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, and let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me. Pray, however, lest ye enter into temptation."

THE SECOND LESSON

And immediately, while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the Twelve, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees and the scribes and the elders of the people, went before the multitude; and they came thither with lanterns and torches, with swords and staves. Now he that betrayed Him had given them a sign, saying, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, hold Him fast, and lead Him away safely." + Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said unto them, "Whom seek ye?" They answered Him, + "Jesus of Nazareth." + Jesus said unto them, "I AM He." And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon, then, as He had said unto them, "I AM He," they went backward and fell to the ground. Then asked He them again, "Whom seek ye?" And they said, + "Jesus of Nazareth." + Jesus answered, "I have told you that I AM He. If, therefore, ye seek Me, let these go their way;" that the saying might be fulfilled which He spake, "Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none."

And Judas drew near unto + Jesus to kiss Him; and he goeth straightway to Him and saith, "Hail, Master!" and kissed Him. And + Jesus said unto him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come? Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then came they and laid hands on + Jesus and took Him. When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said + Jesus unto Peter, "Put up thy sword into the sheath; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? The cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it? But how, then, shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that thus it must be? Suffer ye thus far." And He touched his ear, and healed him.

In that same hour said + Jesus to the multitudes, the chief priests, and captains of the Temple and the elders, which were come to Him, "Are ye

come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I was daily with you teaching in the Temple, and ye stretched forth no hands against Me; but this is your hour and the power of darkness, for the Scriptures must be fulfilled." But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

THE THIRD LESSON

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took + Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And then they led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders were assembled.

And Simon Peter followed + Jesus afar off unto the high priest's palace, and, so did another disciple. That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with + Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves; and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself, to see the end. Then one of the maids of the high priest, the damsel that kept the door, when she saw Peter as he sat by the fire warming himself, earnestly looked upon him and said, "And thou also wast with + Jesus of Nazareth. Art not thou also one of this man's disciples?" But he denied before them all, saying, "Woman, I know Him not, neither understand I what thou sayest!"

The high priest then asked + Jesus of His disciples and of His doctrine. + Jesus answered him, "I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue and in the Temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou Me? Ask them which heard Me, what I have said unto them. Behold, they know what I said." And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck + Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Answerest Thou the high priest so?" + Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou Me?" Now Annas had sent Him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest.

THE FOURTH LESSON

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. And after a little while (after the first denial), as he went out into the porch, the cock crew. And another

maid saw him and began to say to them that stood by, "This fellow was also with + Jesus of Nazareth." They said, therefore, unto him, "Art not thou also one of His disciples?" And another said, "Thou art also of them." And again he denied it with an oath, saying, "Man, I am not; I do not know the man." And after a little while, about the space of one hour, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Of a truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean." Then came they that stood by and said to Peter, "Surely thou art one of them, for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto and bewrayeth thee." One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman, whose ear Peter cut off, saith, "Did not I see thee in the garden with Him?" Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, "I know not this man of whom ye speak." And immediately, as he yet spake, the cock crew the second time. And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word that + Jesus said unto him, "Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the chief priests and elders and all the council sought false witness against + Jesus to put Him to death, but found none; yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none; for their witness agreed not together. At the last there arose and came two false witnesses and bare false witness against Him, the one saying, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to build it in three days;" and the other, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." But neither so did their witness agree together.

And the high priest arose, and stood up in the midst, and asked + Jesus, saying, "Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee?" But + Jesus held His peace and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, "Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? I adjure Thee by the living God that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God." + Jesus saith unto him, "Thou hast said: I AM. Nevertheless I say unto you, 'Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, "He hath spoken blasphemy! What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye?" And they all condemned Him, answered and said, "He is guilty of death!"

And the men that held + Jesus mocked Him, and some began to spit in His face and to buffet Him; and others, when they had blindfolded Him, struck Him on the face with the palms of their hands, especially the servants. And they asked Him, saying, "Prophesy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee?" And many other things blasphemously spake they against

Him.

And as soon as it was day, all the chief priests and the elders of the people and the scribes came together, and took counsel against + Jesus to put Him to death. And they led Him into their council, saying, "Art Thou the Christ? Tell us." And He said unto them, "If I tell you, ye will not believe; and if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God." Then said they all, "Art Thou, then, the Son of God?" And He said unto them, "Ye say that I am." And they said, "What need we any further witness? For we ourselves have heard of His own mouth."

THE FIFTH LESSON

And the whole multitude of them arose, and bound + Jesus, and led Him away from Caiaphas unto the Hall of Judgment, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the governor; and it was early.

Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? See thou to that." And he cast down the pieces of silver in the Temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself, and burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, "It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, whom they of the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

And the Jews themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out unto them and said, "What accusation bring ye against this man?" They answered and said unto him, "If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up unto thee." Then said Pilate unto them, "Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews, therefore, said unto him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death;" that the saying of + Jesus might be fulfilled which He spake, signifying what death He should die.

And they, the chief priests and elders, began to accuse Him of many things,

saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called + Jesus, and said unto Him, "Art Thou the king of the Jews?" And + Jesus stood before him and answered, "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of *Me?*" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered Thee unto me. What hast Thou done?" + Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is My kingdom not from hence." Pilate, therefore, said unto Him, "Art Thou a king, then?" + Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice." Pilate saith unto Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews and saith unto them, "I find in Him no fault at all." And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Answerest Thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against Thee. Hearest Thou not?" And He answered him to never a word, insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

THE SIXTH LESSON

And they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place."

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw + Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at naught, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves. And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, "Ye have brought this man unto me as one that perverteth the people; and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse Him; no, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him, and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him and release Him."

Now at that feast the governor must of necessity release unto the people a prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in a certain sedition made in the city. And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire Pilate to do as he had ever done unto them. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, "Ye have a custom that I should release unto you one at the Passover. Whom will ye that I release unto you, Barabbas, or + Jesus, which is called Christ, the King of the Jews?" For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him."

But the chief priests and elders persuaded and moved the people that they should ask Barabbas and destroy + Jesus; and they cried out all at once, saying, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas." Pilate, therefore, willing to release + Jesus, spake again to them, "What shall I do then with + Jesus which is called Christ, the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" And he said unto them the third time, "Why? What evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him and let Him go." But they cried out the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Then Pilate, therefore, took + Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers of the governor led Him away into the common hall, called *Praetorium*; and they called together the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him and clothed Him with purple, putting on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, and began to salute Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they smote Him with their hands, and they spit upon Him, and took the reed and smote Him on the head, and, bowing their knees, worshiped Him. Pilate, therefore, went forth again, and said unto them, "Behold, I bring Him forth unto you that ye may know that I find no fault in Him." Then came + Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests, therefore, and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said unto them, "Take ve Him and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law He ought

to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the judgment hall and said unto + Jesus, "Whence art Thou?" But + Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto Him, "Speakest Thou not unto me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?" + Jesus answered, "Thou couldest have no power at all against Me except it were given thee from above; therefore, he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin." And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, "If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend! Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought + Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The Pavement*, but in the Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he said unto the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried, "Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said unto them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he was willing to content the people, and gave sentence that it should be as they required, and took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it." Then answered all the people and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Then released he Barabbas unto them, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; and, when he had scourged + Jesus, he delivered Him to their will to be crucified.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

And the soldiers took + Jesus, and took off the purple robe from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. And He did bear His cross. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, who passed by, coming out of the country, Simon by name, the father of Alexander and Rufus; him they compelled to bear His cross, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after + Jesus.

And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women which also bewailed and lamented Him. But + Jesus, turning unto them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold, the, days are coming in the which ye shall say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.' Then shall they begin to say to the mountains,

'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death. And they bring Him unto the place which is called in the Hebrew, *Golgotha*, which is, being interpreted, *The place of a skull*. Then they gave Him vinegar (which is wine with myrrh) to drink, mingled with gall; and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink.

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and two thieves with Him, the one on His right hand and the other on His left, and + Jesus in the midst. And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." And it was the third hour as they crucified Him.

THE NINTH LESSON

Then said + Jesus, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And Pilate wrote a title, the superscription of his accusation, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, + JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where + Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, "Write not, 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified + Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said, therefore, among themselves, "Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, "They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots." And sitting down they watched Him there. These things, therefore, the soldiers did; and the people stood beholding.

Now there stood by the cross of + Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When + Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple standing by whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, "Woman, behold thy son." Then saith He to the disciple, "Behold thy mother." And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And they that passed by reviled Him, railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ah, Thou that destroyest the Temple and buildest it in three days, save Thyself! If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests, mocking Him, said among themselves with the scribes and elders, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be

Christ, the King of Israel, the Chosen of God, let Him come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The thieves also which were crucified with Him cast the same in His teeth, and reviled Him. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, "If Thou be the king of the Jews, save Thyself." And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, "If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us." But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." And He said unto + Jesus, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And + Jesus said unto him, "Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

THE TENTH LESSON

And it was about the sixth hour; and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour; and the sun was darkened. And about the ninth hour, + Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is to say, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, "This man calleth for Elias." After this, + Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, "I thirst." Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it upon an hyssop, a reed, and put it to His mouth, and gave Him to drink, saying with the rest, "Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come and take Him down."

When + Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished!" And when He had cried with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." And having said thus, He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. [All genuflect in brief silence]

And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many.

Now, when the centurion, which stood over against Him, and they that were with him, watching + Jesus, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, and saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, and glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous man and the Son of God." And all the people that came together to that sight,

beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned.

THE ELEVENTH LESSON

And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things, among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's children, (who also, when He was in Galilee, followed Him and ministered unto Him), and many other women which came up with Him unto Jerusalem.

The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to + Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "A bone of Him shall not be broken." And again another Scripture saith, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

THE TWELFTH LESSON

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, a rich man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, Joseph, a counselor, a good man and a just, (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them), who also himself waited for the kingdom of God, and was a disciple of + Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, this man came and went in boldly unto Pilate, and besought him that he might take away the body of + Jesus.

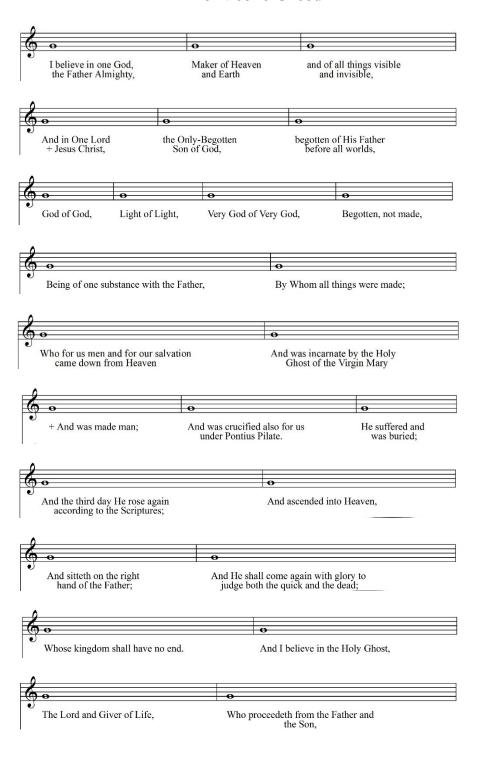
And Pilate marveled if He were already dead; and, calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether He had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph, and commanded the body to be delivered. And Joseph bought fine linen. And there came also Nicodemus, (which at the first came to + Jesus by night), and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of + Jesus, and wrapped it in the clean linen cloth, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

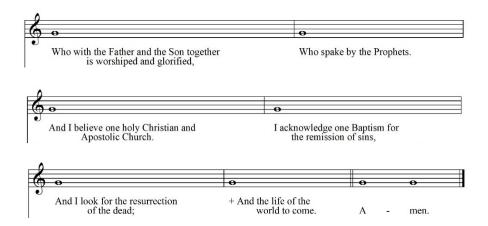
Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulcher, Joseph's own new tomb, which he had hewn out

in the rock, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they + Jesus, therefore, because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand. And they rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, the mother of Joses, sitting over against the sepulcher. And the women also which came with Him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment. Now the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests

Now the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while He was yet alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Command, therefore, that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, 'He is risen from the dead.' So the last error shall be worse than the first." Pilate said unto them, "Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can." So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

The Nicene Creed





+ —indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverance (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.