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### W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:30am - Contemporary

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*"Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ"*

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

8:15 AM



"Lazarus, come out." John 11:43b

## “CROSS” WAY

### AS WE GATHER

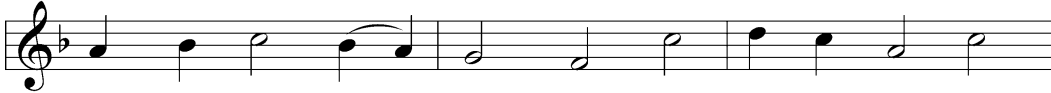
Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

### + PREPARATION +

#### 438 A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the  
from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da -  
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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## INVOCATION

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

**Congregation Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 36:5, 7–9*

Pastor Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

**Congregation Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Pastor How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**Congregation The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Pastor They feast on the abundance of Your house,

**Congregation and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Pastor For with You is the fountain of life;

**Congregation in Your light do we see light.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Congregation**    **Amen.**

Pastor            Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**Congregation**    **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor            God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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 † peace.

**Congregation**    **Amen.**

## **+ WORD +**

**INTROIT**            *Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

**Congregation**    **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

*Left Side*            *I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

*Right Side*            *Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

*Left Side*            *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.*

*Right Side*            *Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”*

**Congregation**    **For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

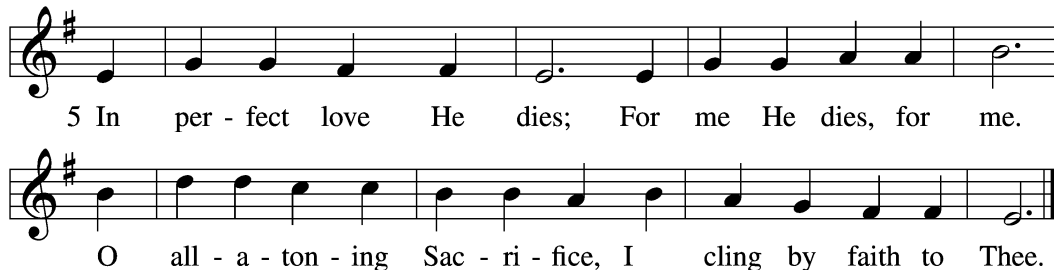
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

Pastor            Many Lenten hymns bring us to the foot of the cross in thoughtful devotion. In the Lenten hymn, “O Perfect Life of Love”, author Henry Baker, a gifted English hymnwriter, calls out to Christ on the cross with the words, “O all-

atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.” On the cross of Calvary, Jesus finished the work for which He had come into the world and made the ultimate sacrifice for us. Gratefully we sing of His loving grace in the words of “O Perfect Life of Love.”

## 452 O PERFECT LIFE OF LOVE *st. 5*



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## KYRIE

Pastor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For peace in our hearts, knowing that salvation is sure, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For peace among the nations and the growth of the Church in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the Church here and wherever God's people gather for praise and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation    Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Reader                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation    Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Romans 8:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL AND VERSE** *John 11:25, Hebrews 12:2*

**Congregation** I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

*Left Side O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,*

*Right Side who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Congregation** I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 11:1–45*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

<sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that

Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

Pastor                      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Congregation      Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



# 430 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN *sts. 1-4*



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor**     Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. We beseech You, O Lord,

**Congregation**     **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**Pastor**     We pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places on earth there may be times of peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been upset and strife. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. We beseech You, O Lord,

**Congregation**     **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**Pastor**     We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. We beseech You, O Lord,

**Congregation**     **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**Pastor**     We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes, [*including . . .*]. We beseech You, O Lord,

**Congregation**     **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**Pastor**     In this time of prayer, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and now rest from their labors. Lord, inspire us by the witness of the faithful from all generations that we may complete our earthly journeys with confidence in Your gracious promises as they did in their lifetimes. We beseech You, O Lord,

**Congregation**     **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**Pastor**     Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation**     **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

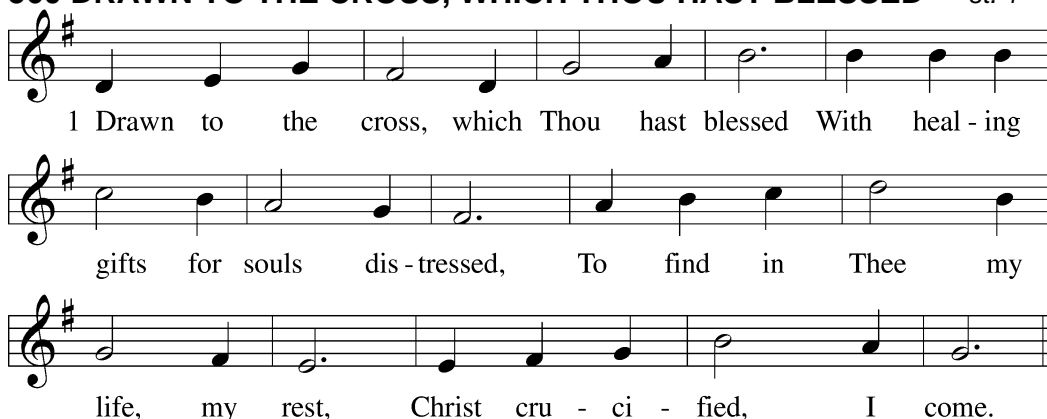
**Congregation**     **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who**

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

## "CROSS" REFERENCE

Pastor In the Large Catechism section on the Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther wrote with confidence, "For where God's Word is preached, accepted, or believed and produces fruit, there the holy cross cannot be missing." The cross is a constant positive presence along the way of life of the Christian. We sing of its power in the familiar hymn, "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed."

### 560 DRAWN TO THE CROSS, WHICH THOU HAST BLESSED *st. 1*



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

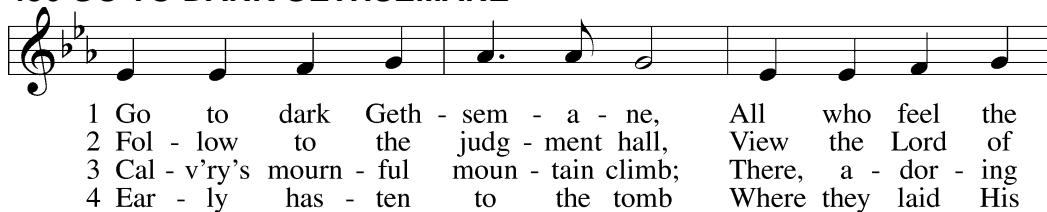
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## BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

### 436 GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r;      Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned;      Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at His feet,      Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay;      All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;      Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained!      Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.      "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way?      Christ is ris'n!      He



griefs a - way;      Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss;      Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry;      Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes.      Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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