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# Three Words of Truth



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## ✠ Order of Worship ✠

Hymn: TLH #361

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

**P** O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

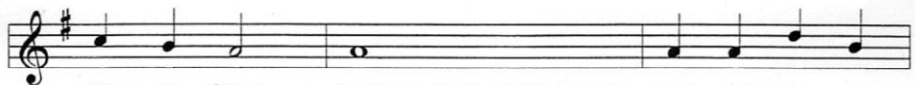
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er-more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Psalm 143*

**P** O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cries for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring Your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirits fail. Do not hide Your face from us, for we have put our trust in You. Show us the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim Your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.

*Moment of silence for private confession.*

**P** Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of Your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C** Yes, I believe.

**P** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins. ✠ Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### **PENITENTIAL PSALM**

*Ps. 102:1-4, 11-13*

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you!

**C** Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

**P** For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

**C** My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.

**P** My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

**C** But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; You are remembered throughout all generations.

**P** You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

**Response: WS #724**

**"Jesus, Remember Me"**

**C** ♪ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (x4)

✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

**Hymn: TLH #172:1-5**

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

**SERMON TEXT - John 18:33-40** So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the

world-- to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him." <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## Three Words of Truth: "What is Truth?"

**P** "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Amen.



**C** 

1. My song is love un -
2. He came from His blest
3. Here might I stay and



known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love  
throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow; But  
sing, No story so di - vi - ne! Nev -



to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
I all my days Could gla - dly spend.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**HYMN: TLH #151:1-3,7**

**"Christ, the Life of All the Living"**