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About the Series

This is a series of 10 worship services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter that helps us to remember and recognize God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In these services parishioners will come to realize, as they walk through the season of Lent in humility and repentance, that God's promises are fulfilled and sins are crossed out only at the cross of Jesus.

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Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. On Ash Wednesday we examine ourselves in the light of the cross. Though our sins make us guilty, we are found not guilty through the death of the innocent Son of God.

Bulletin Notice

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Week 1: Cross Out

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 1 we remember that all our sins have been crossed out through the forgiveness that comes only through the atoning sacrifice of the crucified Christ.

Bulletin Notice

In this service for Week 1 in Lent we remember that all our sins have been crossed out through the forgiveness that comes only through the atoning sacrifice of the crucified Christ.

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Week 2: Cross Road

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 2 we remember that heaven crossed the path of earth on Mount Calvary, becoming a cross road for us that changed the direction of our lives forever.

Bulletin Notice

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Week 3: Cross Walk

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 3 we remember that we are called to follow Christ on his cross walk, stepping out into a life of suffering and service in the name of the Lord.

Bulletin Notice

In this service for Week 3 in Lent we remember that we are called to follow Christ on his cross walk, stepping out into a life of suffering and service in the name of the Lord.

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Week 4: Cross Word

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 4 we remember that the promise, the message, the word of the cross, is a all-powerful, and that power is made perfect in weakness.

Bulletin Notice

In this service for Week 4 in Lent we remember that the promise, the message, the word of the cross, is a all-powerful, and that power is made perfect in weakness.

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Week 5: Cross Reference

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 5 we remember that the cross of Christ was referenced long ago by the prophets and refers us now to the future glory we will experience in heaven with him.

Bulletin Notice

In this service for Week 4 in Lent we remember that the cross of Christ was referenced long ago by the prophets and refers us now to the future glory we will experience in heaven with him.

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Palm Sunday: Cross Purposes

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Holy Week we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we draw near to the cross. On Palm Sunday, amid praises and palm branches, we remember the deep purpose for which our King enters to Jerusalem: to suffer and die on Mount Calvary to obtain forgiveness, life and salvation for us all.

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Maundy Thursday: Crosshairs

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Holy Week we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we draw near to the cross. On Maundy Thursday we remember that chief priest and teachers of the law had Jesus in the crosshairs as they sought to destroy him. Yet at the same time, Jesus set his sights on our redemption by giving us his very body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Bulletin Notice

On this Maundy Thursday we remember that chief priest and teachers of the law had Jesus in the crosshairs as they sought to destroy him. Yet at the same time, Jesus set his sights on our redemption by giving us his very body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

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Good Friday: Cross Fire

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Holy Week we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we draw near to the cross. On Good Friday we remember that the crucified Christ stood in the cross fire between God's wrath and sinful human beings. By his death, he destroyed death forever and won the victory for us all.

Bulletin Notice

On this Good Friday we remember that heaven and hell, God and the devil, were at war with one another on Golgotha's hill, as the crucified Christ stood in the cross fire. By his death, he destroyed death forever and won the victory for us all.

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Easter Sunday: Cross Training

Newsletter Notice

In our worship this Holy Week we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we draw near to the cross. On Easter Sunday we remember we are called to run to tell the good news that Christ who died on the cross has risen to new life. Through his Word and example, he has trained us well to exercise our faith in thought, word and deed in response to his triumph.

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Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

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Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

Order of Service

“Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!” Lamentations 3:40

Opening Hymn..... Aberystwyth 77 77 D

Savior, when in dust to thee low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Responsive Reading.....From Psalm 32

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our transgressions to the Lord, asking him to forgive us and to cover our sins with the blood of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
- C** **Almighty God, we daily sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We try to excuse ourselves from our sins and blame others for what we have done. We listen to the temptations of Satan, of the world around us and of our own sinful desires. We are lost and cannot help ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** In mercy and love God sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of the world, for your sins and mine. He rose from death to defeat the power of sin and death. For the sake of Jesus and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Reading.....From Psalm 32

- P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- C** **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

Children's Message

Imposition of Ashes

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way.

Old Testament Reading..... Lamentations 3:31-40
Epistle Reading..... 1 John 1:5-9
Gospel Reading..... Luke 15:1-7
Sermon Hymn..... St. Peter CM

The Father's purpose on the cross
Our Savior has fulfilled;
The love revealed, the promise kept
In everything God willed.

In love the Savior bore our sins,
He took our guilt and shame.
He bled and died that we might have
Forgiveness in his name.

Sermon

Hymn of Response..... St. Peter CM

As your forgiveness we receive,
Lord, teach us to forgive,
To walk in love as you have walked,
And in your light to live.

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with this response:

P Let us test and examine our ways.

C Let us return to the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.

Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what you will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

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Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

Complete Script for Worship Leaders

- If desired, an **Environmental Projection** is shown on a screen or on the walls of your worship space to set the tone for the service before the service begins or throughout the service at various points:

<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/old-wooden-cross-733330141>

- The **Theme Verse** is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader at the start of the service or is read silently by the congregation before the service begins:

“Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!” Lamentations 3:40

- The **Opening Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Aberystwyth 77 77
D:

Savior, when in dust to thee low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

- A **Responsive Reading** (from Psalm 32) is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

- The **Confession and Absolution** is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

P Let us confess our transgressions to the Lord, asking him to forgive us and to cover our sins with the blood of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Almighty God, we daily sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We try to excuse ourselves from our sins and blame others for what we have done. We listen to the temptations of Satan, of the world around us and of our own sinful desires. We are lost and cannot help ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

☐ In mercy and love God sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of the world, for your sins and mine. He rose from death to defeat the power of sin and death. For the sake of Jesus and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- A **Responsive Reading** (from Psalm 32) is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

☐ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

☑ I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

☐ Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

☑ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- A **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Gethsemane 77 77 77:

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!

Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

- The **Children’s Message** is delivered by the pastor or other worship leader:

(Needed: a stethoscope, or a picture of one; a small dish of ashes)

Ⓟ Does anyone know what this instrument is and how it is used? Who usually uses this? *(Show the stethoscope; let children answer.)* This is a stethoscope. A doctor can use this to listen to your heart. He can listen to your heartbeat and make sure that your heart is healthy and strong. A stethoscope lets the doctor hear what’s going on inside of you!

A stethoscope can help us listen to our heart beating, but it can’t help us learn about the sin in our hearts and minds. Only God’s Word can show us our sins. When you hear God’s command, “You shall not steal,” you remember taking something that did not belong to you. When you hear the command, “Honor your father and mother,” you remember that you disobeyed your parents. God’s Law helps us see what’s going on inside of us, and what’s happening on the outside, too, in our words and actions. What we see isn’t very nice or healthy at all—we are sinners! Today is Ash Wednesday, a day to remember our sins and ask God to forgive us. We know that he will forgive us because of something else that we read in his Word! In God’s Word we hear his Law, and in his Word we also hear and read the Gospel. The Gospel is the good news that God sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. The Gospel tells us Jesus rose from death and that everyone who trusts in him have forgiveness and eternal life.

In Bible times people showed that they were sad or sorry by putting ashes on their heads. Today, on Ash Wednesday, we are going to use ashes like these *(show the bowl of ashes)* to remind us that we are sinners who need forgiveness. Everyone who wants to come forward will come up to the front. I will dip my finger in the ashes and draw a little cross on the forehead of each person. Will someone volunteer right now to receive a cross of ashes? The ashes help us remember our sins but they don’t hurt or burn us! *(Make a cross of ashes on the hand or forehead of a volunteer)* Why do I draw the shape of a cross? *(Let children respond)* The cross reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for us. Because he died for us and came alive again, our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life!

Let’s pray: Heavenly Father, in your Word we learn about our sins and we learn about your forgiveness. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross so our sins can be forgiven. Amen.

You may go back to your seats now, but I invite you—and everyone here—to come forward and receive the mark of ashes.

- The **Imposition of Ashes** takes place at this time, according to local custom.

- A **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Southwell SM:

Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
 From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me your loving servant be
 And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out your chosen way.

- The **Old Testament Reading**, Lamentations 3:31-40, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love, for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men. To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth, to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High, to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve. Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!

- The **Epistle Reading**, 1 John 1:5-9, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- The **Gospel Reading**, Luke 15:1-7, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

- A **Sermon Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune St. Peter CM:

The Father’s purpose on the cross
Our Savior has fulfilled;
The love revealed, the promise kept
In everything God willed.

In love the Savior bore our sins,
He took our guilt and shame.
He bled and died that we might have
Forgiveness in his name.

- If desired, this **Mini Movie** (purchased by you from Worship House Media: worshiphousemedia.com) is presented on a screen at this time to highlight the theme of the service:

<https://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/13321/guilty-hands>

- The **Sermon: Cross Examine** is delivered by the pastor:

Ⓟ The opening scenes of the book of Job present a courtroom drama unlike anything you may have seen on *Law and Order*. These scenes take place in the divine court, in the throne room of God. The angels, Satan among them, present themselves before God. God asks if Satan, in his earthly wandering, has considered his faithful servant Job. Satan mocks the upright Job. “Does Job fear God for no reason?” he asks. Satan complains that God has blessed Job with a big family and immense wealth—of course he’s faithful. Who wouldn’t be under those circumstances? So Satan challenges God. Put Job to the test—take away everything he has, take away his health—see if righteous Job remains righteous then! God gives Satan permission to take Job’s family, his wealth and his health, although he may not take Job’s life. Through it all, even though Job questions what is happening to him, he remains faithful

to God. In the end God blesses Job once again and his health, family and possessions are restored.

In those scenes in the divine court, Satan lives up to the meaning of his name—the accuser. Satan is the accuser, the prosecuting attorney described in Scripture as “the accuser of our brothers...who accuses them day and night before our God” (Revelation 12:10). How would you measure up against our enemy’s accusations? How would you stand up to a cross examination by Satan? If we’re honest, we have to admit that we do not measure up at all. If we’re dishonest, if we say we have no sin, we’re liars. We lie on the witness stand and, as the apostle John tells us in our epistle lesson, “the truth is not in us.” We examine ourselves in the mirror of God’s holy Law and find the same result. It is not a pretty picture. We are dead in sin. The only possible verdict is the one we don’t want to hear: Guilty. The sentence is death and eternal separation from God. It is a sentence of dust and ashes. There is no escape. There is no hope. There is no appeal.

But in the divine courtroom, as we await sentencing, there is a turn of events that you will never see on *Law and Order*. It is a scene that even the most creative television writers could not imagine. It is a turn of events to be received in faith. The judge—God himself—steps down from the bench. He takes on human flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ and takes the defendant’s place. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and that is what he does. He takes your place and mine, and in our place he receives the sentence of death. Satan the accuser is permitted to do his worst to this innocent defendant. Jesus’ friends and followers are stripped away. He is rejected by his own people and condemned to die on a cross. The Son of God takes onto himself our sentence of death. He dies among criminals and is buried in a borrowed tomb. We’d like an episode like that to end, “To be continued...” but those words don’t appear on the screen. A great stone is rolled in front of the grave. It is sealed and guarded by soldiers.

But the episode really isn’t over. The Accuser cannot hold on to his innocent victim. The stone is rolled away and the grave stands open and empty. Jesus is alive! A new shout is heard from the heavenly court: “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down!” Satan and his works and accusations are overthrown. All authority on heaven and earth is given to Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. He ascends to take his place once more on the bench as our Judge and our Advocate. *(At this point ask the congregation to stand.)* “Will the defendants please rise.” We wait for another verdict, standing marked with ashes, marked with the sign of the cross on which our Judge and Advocate died. Hopeless, we wait, hardly daring to hope. What will he say? What is the verdict? For the sake of Christ, what is the word? Not guilty. Amen.

- A **Hymn of Response** is sung by the congregation to the tune St. Peter CM:

As your forgiveness we receive,
Lord, teach us to forgive,
To walk in love as you have walked,
And in your light to live.

- The **Offering** is collected at this time. If desired, this **Mini Movie** (purchased by you from Worship House Media: worshiphousemedia.com) is presented on a screen at this time for reflection on the theme of the service:

<https://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/64545/lent-reflection-and-repentance>

- The **Prayers** are offered:

Each petition ends with the following response:

Ⓟ Let us test and examine our ways.

Ⓞ **Let us return to the Lord!**

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Ⓟ Almighty Judge and Savior, you carried our sins in your own body to the cross. For our sake you took the sentence of death onto yourself. Let us test and examine our ways.

Ⓞ **Let us return to the Lord!**

Ⓟ Almighty Judge and Savior, during this Lenten season help us to remember your sacrifice and daily confess the sins that sent you to the cross for us. Let us test and examine our ways.

Ⓞ **Let us return to the Lord!**

Ⓟ Almighty Judge and Savior, as we have been forgiven, so help us to forgive others and to walk in your ways. Let us test and examine our ways.

Ⓞ **Let us return to the Lord!**

Ⓟ Amen.

- The **Lord's Prayer** is spoken in unison.

- The **Benediction** is spoken by the pastor:
- ☐ For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose he died: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace. Amen.
- The **Closing Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Herr Jesu Christ, Meins LM:

Renew me, O eternal Light,
 And let my heart and soul be bright,
 Illumined with the light of grace
 That issues from your holy face.

Remove the pow'r of sin from me
 And cleanse all my impurity
 That I may have the strength and will
 Temptations of the flesh to still.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
 That gladly I obey your Word.
 Let what you will be my desire,
 And with new life my soul inspire.

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Musical notation for measures 1-8. The system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure numbers 1 and 8 are indicated at the beginning and end of the system respectively. The music features a series of chords and single notes in both hands.

Musical notation for measures 9-16. The system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure numbers 9 and 16 are indicated at the beginning and end of the system respectively. The music continues with a sequence of chords and notes.

Musical notation for measures 17-24. The system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure numbers 17 and 24 are indicated at the beginning and end of the system respectively. The music continues with a sequence of chords and notes.

Musical notation for measures 25-32. The system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure numbers 25 and 32 are indicated at the beginning and end of the system respectively. The music concludes with a final sequence of chords and notes.

- The **Opening Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Aberystwyth 77 77
D:

Savior, when in dust to thee low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

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The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The music begins with a first-measure rest (marked '1') in both staves. The melody in the treble staff starts on G4, moving to A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

The second system of music continues from the first. It begins with a five-measure rest (marked '5') in both staves. The treble staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line continues with accompaniment. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'Creative Communications' is overlaid across the middle of the page, partially obscuring the second system.

The third system of music begins with a nine-measure rest (marked '9') in both staves. The treble staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line continues with accompaniment. The 'Creative Communications' watermark is also present over this system.

- A **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Gethsemane 77 77 77:

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

- A **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Southwell SM:

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way.

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