

## LITURGY OF PENITENCE AND PRAYER

(Congregation Seated)

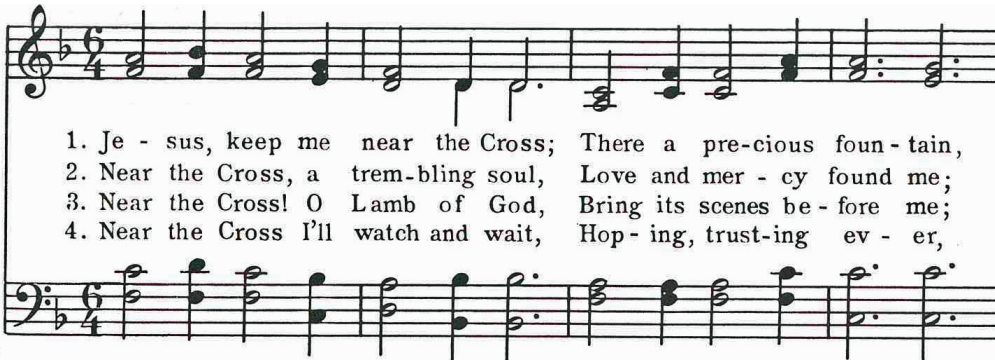
Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer

*From the end of the earth will I cry to you, when my heart is overwhelmed*

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,

*For you have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*

Hear the word of the Lord: I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. O that you had listened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Stand by the roads and look and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. Let the wicked forsake their ways, let them return to the Lord, and God will pour out his mercy upon them.



1. Je - sus, keep me near the Cross; There a pre-cious foun-tain,  
2. Near the Cross, a trem-bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, Hop-ing, trust-ing ev - er,



Free to all— a heal-ing stream—Flows from Cal-vary's moun-tain.  
There the bright and morn-ing Star Shed its beams a - round me.  
Help me walk from day to day With its shad-ow o'er me.  
Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be-yond the riv - er.

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In the Cross, in the Cross Be my glo - ry ev - er,



Till my rap-tured soul shall find Rest be-yond the riv - er. A-MEN.

If you kept record of our sins, O Lord, who would be able to stand before you?

***Enter not into judgment with your servants, for no one is righteous***

We do not offer our prayers before you, relying on our own goodness, but on your great compassion.

***Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness***

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

***Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.***

Cast us not away from your presence, and do not remove your Holy Spirit from us.

***Restore to us the joy of your salvation***

Thus says the Lord: I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins. Go, and sin no more.

***Thanks be to God, for your mercy endures forever and ever. Amen.*** (Congregation Standing)

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.