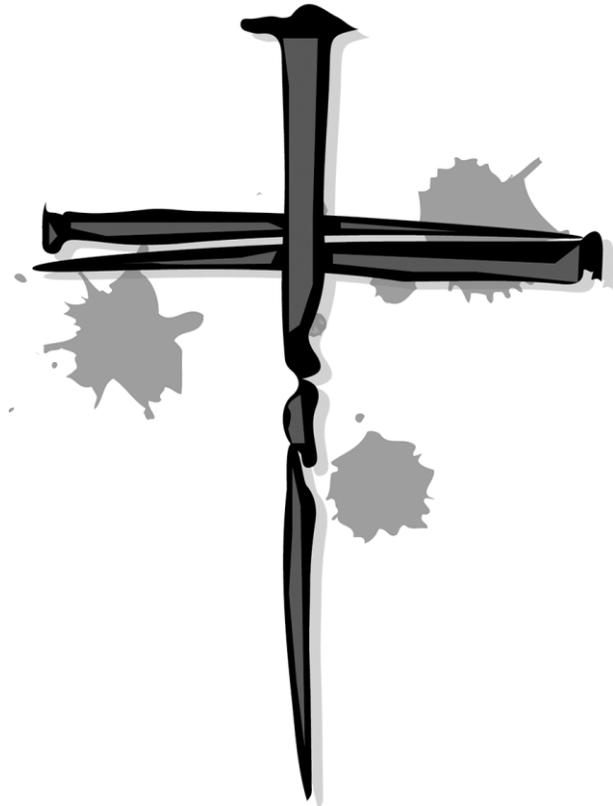


# Three Words



of  
**TRUTH**

**“Love One Another”**



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## **HYMN - 494 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**In my selfishness I have often loved myself more than others and, to my shame, more than you—you who are my life and my salvation, my joy and my peace.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**PSALM 85** *page 97*

## **PSALM PRAYER**

M: God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**PASSION HISTORY READING - Luke 22:39-54**

**SEASONAL RESPONSE** - (*Spoken together*)

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

**HYMN - 129 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”**

**SERMON - John 13:31-35**

## **“Love One Another”**

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

## **OFFERING**

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU - (page 55)**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **EVENING PRAYER**

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN - 490 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

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