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INTROIT: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the Words of My groaning? O My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, and by night, and I am not silent. Nevertheless, You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You. They trusted and You delivered them. They cried to You and were rescued. They **trusted** in You and were **not ashamed**. However, I am a worm and not a man, **scorned** by human beings and despised by the people. All those who see Me **ridicule** Me. They open their lips wide. **They shake their heads**, saying, "**Commit it to the LORD! Let Him rescue Him! Let Him deliver Him! For He takes pleasure in Him.**" Nevertheless, You are the One who brought Me out of the womb, the One who made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. I have been cast on You from the womb. From My mother's womb You have been My God. Do not be far from Me! For trouble is near, for there is no one to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me. Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They have opened their mouths against Me like a mangling and roaring lion. I have been poured out like water, and all My bones have separated from each other. My heart has become like wax. It has melted inside my chest. My strength has dried up like baked clay. My tongue clings to My palate, and You are putting Me on the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me. A gang of evil-doers has encircled Me. Like a lion **they have pierced My hands and My feet**. I can count all My bones. People look and stare at Me. **They divide My garments among them, and they cast lots for My clothing.** However, You, O LORD, do not be far away! O My Strength, come quickly to help Me! Rescue My soul from the sword! Rescue My lonely soul from the power of the dog! **Save Me from the lion's mouth!** You have answered Me from the horns of wild oxen. **Let Me declare Your name to My brothers! I shall praise You in the middle of the assembly.** You **who fear** the LORD, **praise Him!** All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him! Be afraid of Him, all you descendants of Israel! For He has not despised or detested the misery of the Wretched One, and He has not hidden His face from Him. Rather, when He cried to Him for help, He heard. My praise comes from You in the great assembly. I shall fulfil My vows in the presence of those who fear Him. Humble people will eat and be satisfied. Those who seek the LORD will praise Him. May your hearts live for ever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD. All the families of **the nations will worship before You**. For **the kingship belongs to the LORD**, and He **rules** over the nations. All the prosperous people of the earth have been eating and worshipping. All those who go down to the dust will kneel before Him, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Descendants will serve Him. The coming generation will be told about the Lord. They will come and tell about His righteousness to a people yet to be born. For He **has accomplished it**.

Psalm 22

COLLECT: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 The suffering Servant of God.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jesus, our great High Priest.
John 19:17-30 The crucifixion and death of Jesus.

SERMON: Luke 23:34; Luke 23:43; John 19:26-27; Matthew 27:46; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46 The Seven Last Words of Christ

"Father, forgive them! For they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

"Truly, I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

"Woman, there is your son." "There is your mother." John 19:26-27

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46

"I thirst." John 19:28

"It is finished!" John 19:30

"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Luke 23:46