

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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Opening prayer

Steadfast God,
you are with us when we suffer sorrow and pain, our loving companion:
today we keep vigil with your Son
in the last hours of His earthly life;
in our small way we share his grief and loss,
and we thank you that you endured this for us
and bring us hope even at the darkest hour. Amen

Reading: Mark 15: 33 - 34

Reflection

Final prayer:

Loving God,
at this time when so many experience isolation and loneliness,
remind us that Jesus entered the depths of desolation.
When for so many, the accustomed sources of support and sustenance
seem to be absent,
remind us that Christ has travelled that way before us.
And in all this,
there still remains a simple truth:
we are not abandoned,
but held.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Music: O sacred head, sore wounded (Hymns & Psalms 176)
https://hymnary.org/text/o_sacred_head_sore_wounded