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GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

April 18, 2025

Noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

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GOOD FRIDAY

On the day known by the Jews as the 14th day of Nisan--the day that the Passover lamb was to be slaughtered, Jesus of Nazareth was led to a hill outside of the city and crucified. At noon that day the sun was darkened by some supernatural means.

Today we will go there in our hearts, minds and words. We will try to experience the day that brought about our salvation.

INVOCATION *Lamentations 1:12-14*

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see.

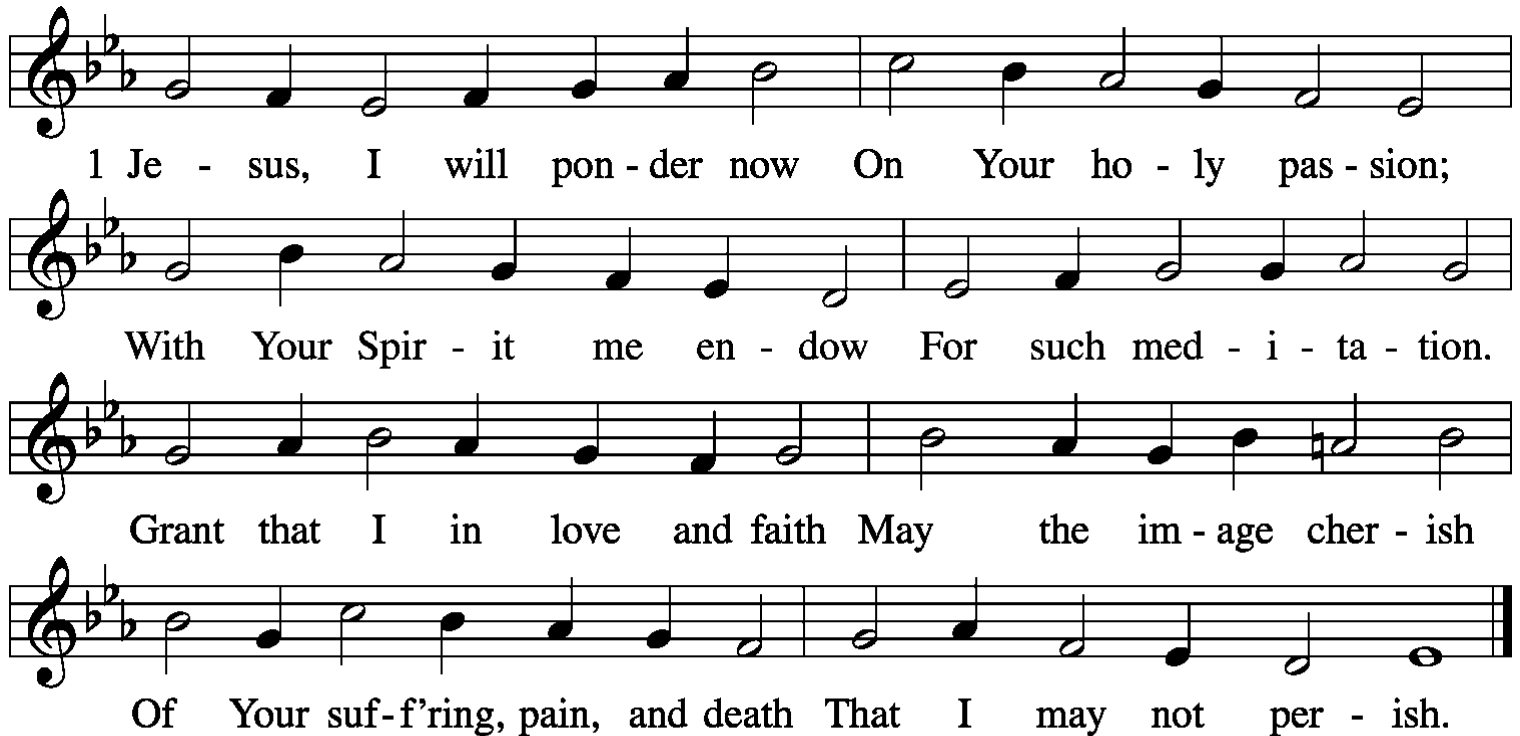
People: **Is there any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of His fierce anger?”**

Pastor: “From on high He sent fire; into my bones He made it descend;

People: **He spread a net for my feet; He turned me back; He has left me stunned, faint all the day long.”**

Pastor: “My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by His hand they were fastened together;

People: **they were set upon my neck; He caused my strength to fail; the Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand.”**



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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I. JESUS IN GETHSEMANE Matthew 26:36-45

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." ³⁹And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

MESSAGE

“If It Be Possible”

Intro: There are many thoughts on how one receives eternal life

I. Jesus wasn't looking forward to this

- A. Mocking*
- B. Whipping*
- C. Crucifixion*
- D. Forsakenness*

II. God is compassionate and exacting

- A. He could have just overruled His own law*
- B. He takes the costly route*
- C. If this isn't the only route, why did it happen at all?*

III. You will hear how much God loves you and what He was willing to do to save you

PRAYER

All: Help us to watch with You and to understand Your suffering.

Pastor: Your strength has resulted in our salvation.

People: Out of love You overcame the Adversary.

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(LSB 436 v 1-2)



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

(The first candle is extinguished.)

II. JESUS IS BETRAYED

John 18:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom you gave Me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

(Please kneel as we confess our sins to God.)

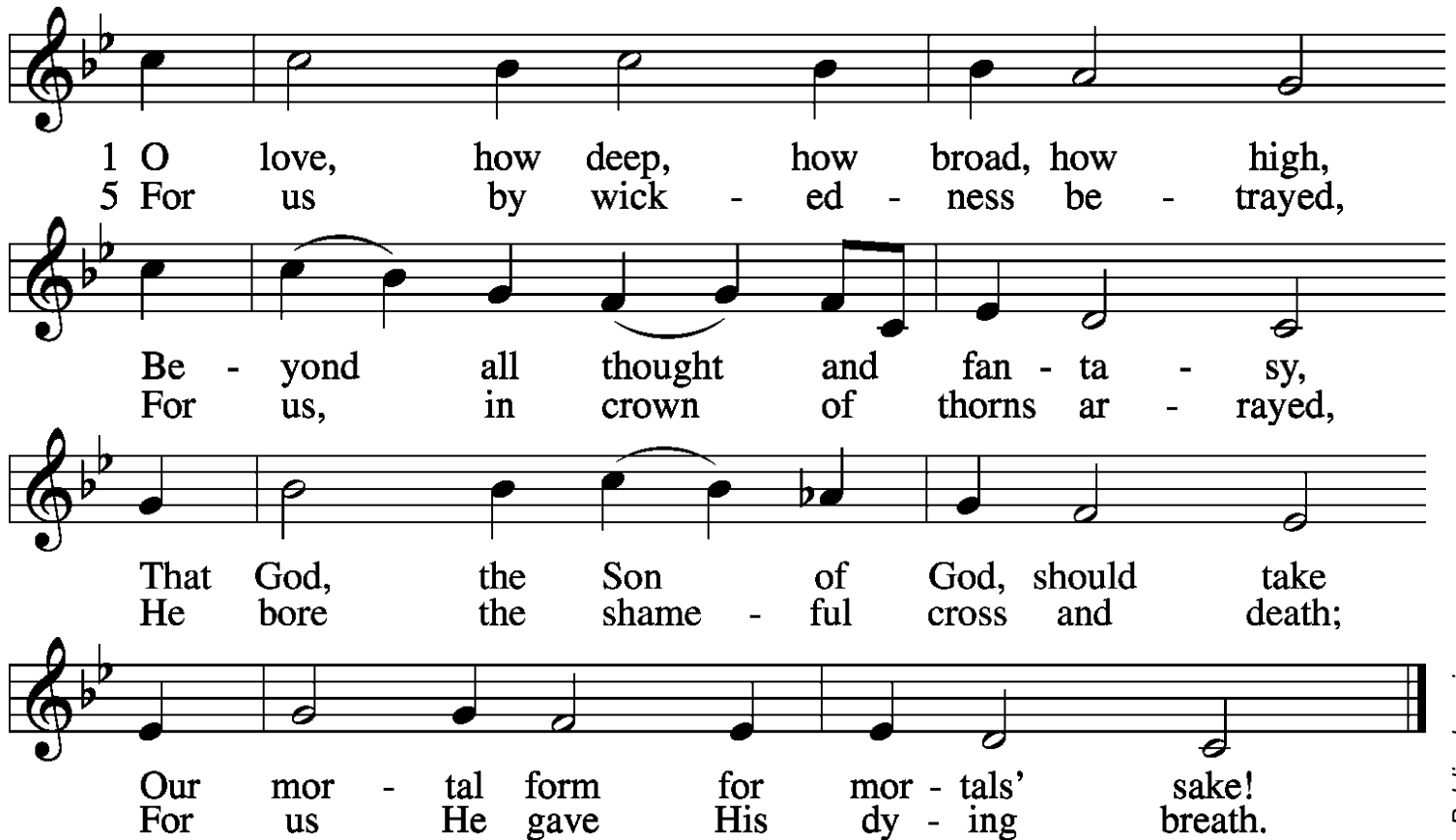
Pastor: Jesus, by my sins and unbelief we have betrayed You as well. You went to the cross because of us.

(silence for personal confession)

All: Lord, have mercy on me--a sinner.

Pastor: Jesus went freely to the cross so that this could be true: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,
Be - yond all in thought and fan - ta - sy,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,
That God, the Son of God, should take
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;
Our mor - tal form for His mor - tals' sake!
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

(The second candle is extinguished.)

III. JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN/PETER DISOWNS HIM

Matthew 26:57-75

57 Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside He sat with the guards to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward 61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" 62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" 63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

67 Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?"

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." 71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."

74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

PSALM *from Psalm 27*

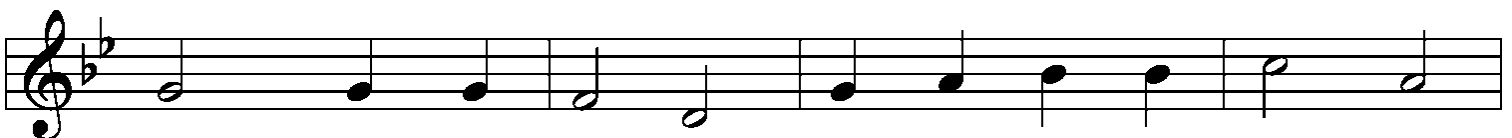
Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**

Pastor: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

People: **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me breathing out violence.**

HYMN *"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"* (LSB 439 v.1-3)



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.

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(The third candle is extinguished.)

IV. JESUS IN THE HANDS OF THE ROMANS

Isaiah 50:6-7, John 18:28-19:16a

*⁶ I gave My back to those who strike,
 and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
 I hid not My face
 from disgrace and spitting.*

*⁷ But the Lord God helps Me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set My face like a flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.

¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

PSALM *Psalm 17*

Pastor: Hear me out, God! Listen to my case:
I speak the truth. You be my judgment!

People: **Search my heart; search it in the darkness of night. Test me with fire. See my innocence.**

Pastor: I speak no evil, I have kept Your word, walking steadfastly in Your path.

People: **My feet have not stumbled.**

Pastor: I call out to you, God, for You will hear me.

People: **Listen! Hear what I have to say. Show Your great love, O Saving God.**

Pastor: Let me flee to You.

People: **Let me be Your beloved, sheltering beneath Your wings, safe from wicked brutes.**

Pastor: My enemies hem me in, craving my flesh. There is no pity in them, only boastful words.

People: **They draw near like ravenous lions, crouched, ready to spring, eyes fixed upon me, eager for the kill.**

Pastor: But my reward is to behold Your face;

People: **it is enough for me to awake in Your presence.**

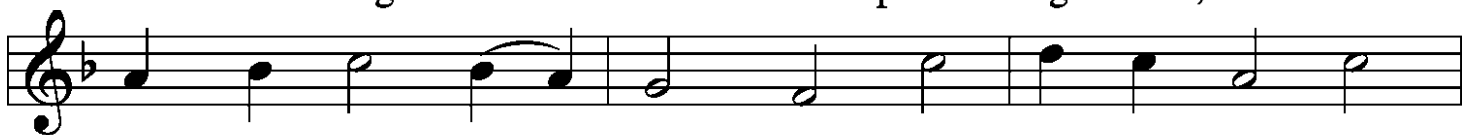
HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

(LSB 438 v.1)



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."

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(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

V. JESUS CRUCIFIED

Mark 15:21-32, Isaiah 53:4-5

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. ²² And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

*⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.*

PSALM *Psalm 22:7-18*

Pastor: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads;

People: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.”

Pastor: Yet You brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

People: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Pastor: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

People: Many strong bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Pastor: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

Pastor: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

People: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

Pastor: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

People: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.

SPECIAL MUSIC (7pm) "Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs" by Larson (Choir)

*Surely He has borne our griefs!
 Surely He has borne our griefs
 And carried our sorrows!
 Surely He was wounded for us,
 Bruised for our iniquities!
 The chastisement of our peace fell upon Him,
 And with His stripes we are healed!*

*Surely He has borne our griefs
 And carried our sorrows!
 Surely He was wounded for us,
 Bruised for our iniquities!
 Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
 And yet He opened not His mouth!*

*Surely He has borne our griefs!
 Surely He was wounded for us,
 Bruised for our iniquities!*

*Ah, holy Jesus,
 How have You offended,
 That mortal judgment
 Has on You descended?*

*By foes derided,
 By Your own rejected.
 O most afflicted!*

*Surely He was wounded for us,
 Bruised for our iniquities.
 For our iniquities!*

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

VI. JESUS IS FORSAKEN

2 Corinthians 5:20-21, Matthew 27:45-46

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

(LSB 451 v.3, 4)

**You who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed;
See who bears the awful load;
It’s the Word, the Lord’s Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation;
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.**

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

VII. JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Isaiah 53:6-11; Mark 15:35-41

*⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.*

⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
and as for His generation, who considered
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although He had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him;
He has put Him to grief;
when His soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and He shall bear their iniquities.

³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down."

³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

⁴¹ When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

(Silence for Meditation)

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

VIII. JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Mark 15:42-47

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where He was laid.

‡ The Christ Candle is Removed ‡

ORGANIST ONLY (Noon)

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

SPECIAL MUSIC (7pm) *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* arr. Dallas Blair (Choir)

*O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns, thine only crown;
How pale thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!*

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain;
Lo, here I fall my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever,
And should I fainting be
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.*

Pastor: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross. We have remembered His death and our death to sin. May we look now toward His resurrection and ours. Amen.

The sound of the STREPITUS is heard, a harsh noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake. Then the CHRIST CANDLE is returned to the chancel in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

All leave in silence.

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Serving Today - Good Friday

April 18, 2025

Noon Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Organist: Molly Wuertz
Ushers: Barb Grunow and Judy Cameron

April 18, 2025

7:00 pm Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: David Greer Organist: Molly Wuertz
Usher: Janice Elwood

Serving Sunday - Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

6:00 am Easter Sunrise:

Attending Elder: Tim Grunow Organist: Molly Wuertz
Usher: Janice Elwood Communion Care: Janice Elwood

April 20, 2025

8:00 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Ty Winiger Organist: Molly Wuertz
Ushers: Janice Elwood, Judy Cameron Communion Care: Chris Hampton

April 20, 2025

10:30 am Traditional Worship:

Attending Elder: Chris Gamble Organist: Molly Wuertz
Ushers: Will and Lori Smith Communion Care: Cara Baumgart