

**Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church**

Gainesville, Florida

Good Friday

April 15, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jack Mackowiak

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(the service begins in silence)

The Reproaches

Based on Micah 6 Isaiah 5

P When the prophet Micah wrote, the people had forgotten the Lord. It was time for God to declare His case against them. When Christ was on the cross, it was again such a time.

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. Though I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

O Lord, your innocent suffering and death is beyond our comprehension. You have become flesh, blood, and bone knowing the intensity of human anguish and pain. In love and grace You have bore the enormity of our sin and guilt securing for us life eternal. By faith, may we confidently know that Your great sacrifice is sufficient to sustain us in this life and the next. Grant us Your peace, Lord, as we remember this day the ultimate price You paid for our salvation.

C **Amen.**

Choir Anthem: What Wondrous Love is This?

Marty Haugen

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*As you have shown the way, let us love;
As you have shown the way, so teach us every day
to simply be the way of your love.*

*Wherever you are found, may we be.
Wherever you are found in souls and bodies bound,
where suffering is found, may we be.*

*As instruments of peace may we grow.
As instruments of peace, to bring the bound release,
and make oppression cease, help us grow.*

*O let us hear your call to be love.
O let us hear your call, great servant of us all,
to be the least of all, as your love.*

Sermon

First Reading: The Loss of Innocence

Genesis 3:1-18

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

sts. 1-3



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.

Second Reading: The Messiah Is Promised

Isaiah 7:14 & 9:6

- P** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God!

Third Reading: The Promise is Fulfilled

Matthew 1:18-25

- P** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
5 Bruise for me the ser - pent's head That, set free from



kept His word And at last to us did send
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith,



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Safe - ly kept through life and death.

Choir Anthem: God So Loved the World

Stainer

Fourth Reading: The Savior is Welcomed to His Mission

Matthew 16 & 21

- P** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



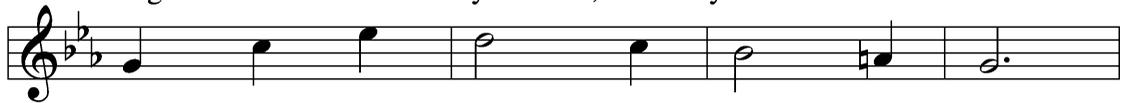
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Fifth Reading: The Plot is Hatched

A Gospel Harmony

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

sts. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"



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

Sixth Reading: The Plot is Carried Out

A Gospel Harmony

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Seventh Reading: The Cross and Agony of Death

A Gospel Harmony

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Solo: The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird They began to crucify Thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that It was like the parting of day from night Ah, sore was the suffering borne By the body of Mary's Son But sorer still to Him was the grief Which for His sake Came upon His mother

Hymn: 453 Upon the Cross Extended

sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils
 6 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.
 You for - ev - er, I am no long - er mine.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is
 To You I glad - ly ten - der All that my life can



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.
 ren - der And all I have to You re - sign.

(The Christ candle is removed from the Sanctuary. The sound of the “strepitus” is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake. The candle is returned to the Sanctuary in the darkness, in anticipation of our Lord’s resurrection.)

Eight Reading: The Tomb Secured

A Gospel Harmony

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 452 O Perfect Life of Love

sts. 1-4



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

Prayers

Closing Versicles

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your holy cross you have redeemed me.**

Everyone leaves in silence. Offerings may be placed in the plates by the door. You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the invocation and benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter.

Our Easter festival communion services are 8 and 10:45 a.m.

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