



It is finished

JOHN 19:30





+ Good Friday +
April 2, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Good Friday is a time of somber reflection as we approach the mystery of the cross. But the austerity of the Good Friday liturgy should not obscure the fact that this is a death we celebrate because of the life and forgiveness that flow from the cross for us and for our salvation. Because Good Friday is not an isolated event or day but part of God's planned revelation of His love, we listen to the entire story of God's work of salvation and deliverance. The message of the cross is the message of the Scriptures, planned by God, proclaimed by the prophets, and fulfilled in Christ. This liturgy continues what was begun on Holy Thursday and will not be complete until Easter Sunday adds its own message of hope and triumph.

*Liturgical Color:
Black is the absence of light.*

This evening's service begins where Holy Thursday's ended.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Stand

Confession and Absolution

- P** We gather before God, remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love—that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- C** **Christ our Savior has died for our sins.**
- P** At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.
- C** **we confess that we have forgotten to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. Forgive us.**
- P** At times, we have denied our Lord.

C we confess that we have forgotten to reflect our faith in You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us.

P At times, we have betrayed our Lord

C we confess that we have forgotten that without Your aid we are helpless to change. Forgive us and renew in us clean hearts so that we find delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen.

P Let us pray. 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 forever.

C Amen.

Hymn for Reflection *"O Perfect Life of Love"* #452 (1-3)



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;



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.

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Sit

☩ WORD ☩

Old Testament Reading.....Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,

and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

so shall he sprinkle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which has not been told them they see,

and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Silence for reflection)

Collect

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Reading **Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection)

Collect

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Hymn..... *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" #440 (1)*



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.

Reading.....**John 18:1-11**

Hymn.....*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (1)*

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

A candle is extinguished.

Reading.....**John 18:12-27**

Hymn.....*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (2)*

How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.

A candle is extinguished.

Reading.....**John 18:28-40**

Hymn.....*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (3)*

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,
And grant to me Thy grace.

A candle is extinguished.

Reading..... **John 19:1-16a**

Hymn..... *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (4)*

My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heav'nly joys above.

A candle is extinguished.

Stand (as able)

Reading..... **John 19:16b-24**

Hymn..... *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (5)*

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 for Thee.

A candle is extinguished.

Reading..... **John 19:25-30**

Hymn..... *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (6)*

My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!

When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

A candle is extinguished.

Reading..... John 19:31-37

Hymn..... “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #450 (7)

Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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Sit

Homily..... “A Scarred & Sacred Savior”

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Solemn Collects... *(Prayed aloud by Pastor; all conclude each with Amen.)*

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Collect

P Let us pray.

C **We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn for Reflection "Lord, When Thy Kingdom Comes", CWLP



1 "Lord, when Thy king-dom comes, re - mem - ber me!"
2 No king - ly sign de - clares that glo - ry now,
3 Hark! Through the gloom the dy - ing Sav - ior saith



Thus spake the dy - ing lips to dy - ing ears;
No ray of hope lights up that aw - ful hour;
"Thou too shalt rest in Par - a - dise to - day."



O faith, which in that dark - est hour could see
A thorn - y crown sur - rounds the bleed - ing brow,
O words of love to an - swer words of faith!



The prom - ised glo - ry of the far - off years!
The hands are stretched in weak - ness, not in pow'r.
O words of hope for those who live to pray!

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(The slips of paper will be taken off the cross at this time and placed on the altar during the singing of the hymn.)

Jesus' Burial John 19:38-42

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

(A loud noise is made, signifying the large stone being rolled in front of Jesus' tomb. All leave in silence.)

Green palm branches were handed out and waved on Palm Sunday, but the dried palm cross of Good Friday reminds us how quickly things changed for Jesus that Passover Week and calls us to look in faith to His sacrifice amid all the sudden turns and sufferings of this life.

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Musicians Paula Easterwood
Altar Committee..... Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

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| Saturday | 11:00 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil Service <i>(Begins out front)</i> |
| Sunday | 6:30 a.m. | Greet the Rising "Sun/Son" Prayer Service <i>(Out front)</i> |
| | 7:00 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Communion Service <i>(Service will be livestreamed)</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Easter Celebration Communion Service |
| Monday | 9:30 a.m. | Exercise Class |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Moms and Tots <i>(Pastor off 6th-8th)</i> |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | Exercise Class |
| Thursday | 1:00 p.m. | Card Group |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom Bible Study—"With God in the Garden" |
| Friday | 9:30 a.m. | Exercise Class |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | Elders' Meeting |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Worship—"Mission in Motion" Weekend |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Virtual District Youth Gathering Here |

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