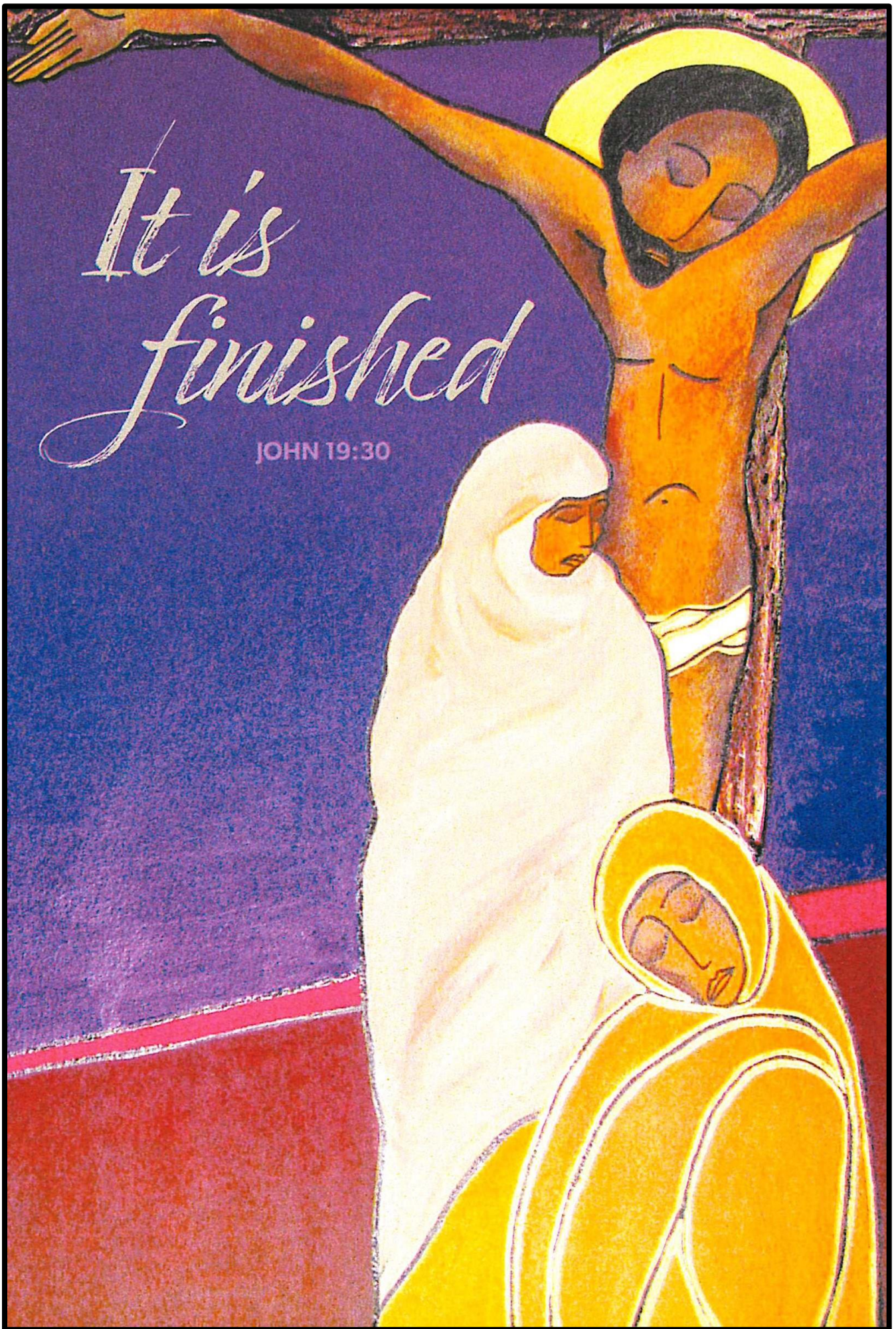


*It is
finished*

JOHN 19:30





+ Good Friday +

March 29, 2024

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. “By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s, and the righteousness of Christ is ours,” Luther writes. “He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness” (Select Works). Let us give Jesus glory for the “wonderful exchange” He has made with us at the cross!

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

This evening’s service begins where Holy Thursday’s left off.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Choir Anthem *“Calvary is the Sea”*

Procession

Please rise and turn to face the processional cross for its three locations.

- P** For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
- C** so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
- P** He was wounded for our transgressions;
- C** He was crushed for our iniquities;
- P** upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
- C** and with His stripes we are healed.

Hymn..... *“Jesus I Will Ponder Now” #440 (1, 2, 4, 6)*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

(In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus)

- P** Gracious Father,
- C** have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.
- P** Loving Lord Jesus,
- C** take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.

P Renewing Holy Spirit,

C **Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

Psalm 31:1-5, 21-22 *(spoken in unison)*

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Blessèd be the LORD,

for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me

when I was in a besieged city.

I had said in my alarm,

"I am cut off from your sight."

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy

when I cried to you for help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie Hymn "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved", #945

Cantor



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people.
- C** with home Your Son exchanged places at the cross so we may forever know real life, love, and forgiveness;
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

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.

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.

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?
 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.
 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
 he has put him to grief;
 when his soul makes an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
 the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
 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.
 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
 because he poured out his soul to death
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
 yet he bore the sin of many,
 and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”, #434 (3)*

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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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.

Verse Hymn..... *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”, #422*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Gospel ReadingJohn 19:17-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Homily..... “Seeing the Servant”

Please rise, if able.

Bidding Prayer

*(This long series of collects is traditional for Good Friday.
You may be seated at any time if you’re not able to remain standing.)*

P Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Please be seated.

✠ THE SEVEN LAST WORDS ✠

First Word..... **Luke 23:33-34**

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Hymn..... “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” #428 (1)

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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The first candle is extinguished.

Second Word Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Hymn..... “Jesus, Remember Me” #767 (2 times)

Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.
Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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The second candle is extinguished.

Third Word John 19:25-27

... but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and

the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Hymn..... "When I Behold Jesus Christ" #542 (1-2)



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

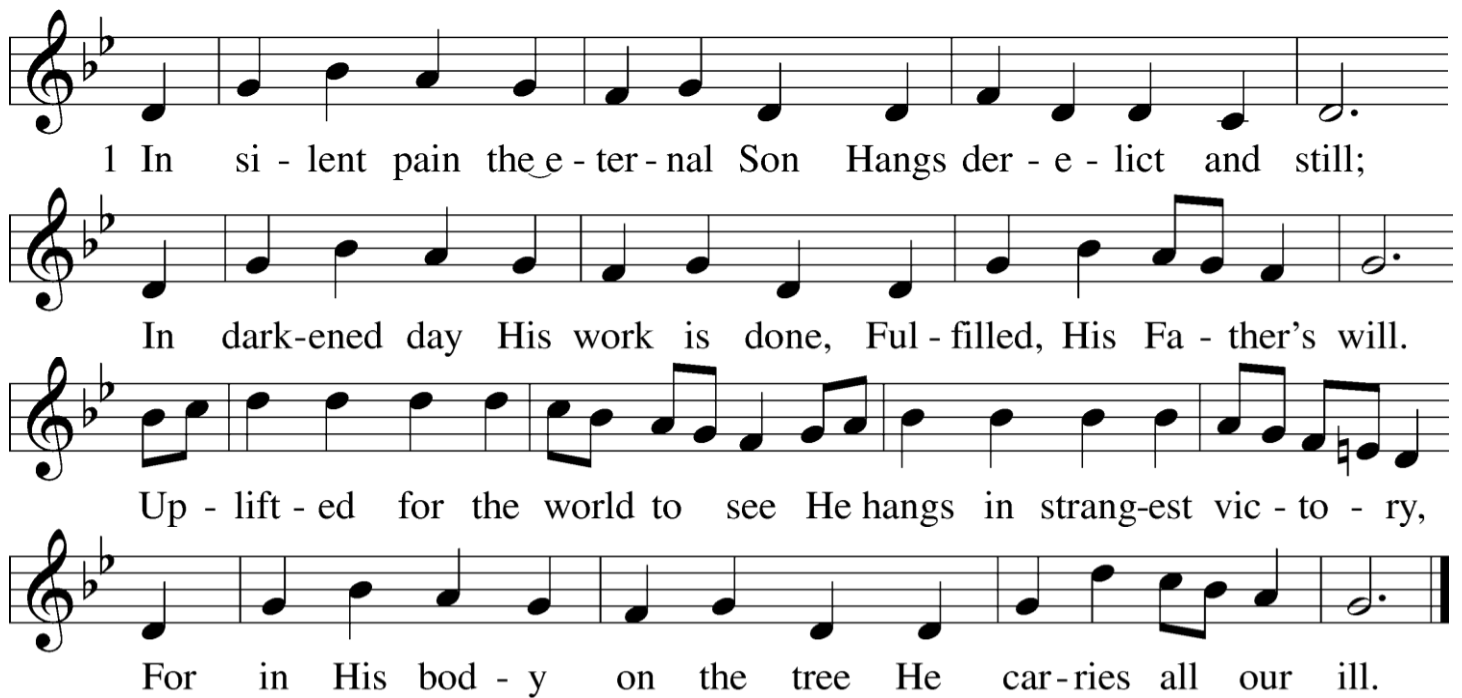
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The third candle is extinguished.

Fourth Word.....Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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..... "In Silent Pain the Eternal God" #432 (1)



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
 In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
 Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,
 For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.


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The fourth candle is extinguished.

Fifth Word..... John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Hymn..... "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded", #449 (1-2)



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Sixth Word John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn "O Perfect Life of Love" #452 (1-2)



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;



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.

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The sixth candle is extinguished.

Seventh Word Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!". And having said this he breathed his last.

Hymn..... "Upon the Cross Extended", #453 (1)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Please rise.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son’s cross that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.
- C** **Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.**
- P** Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.
- C** **He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.**
- P** Lord Jesus, grant on this Friday we call “good” that the promises of Your Word may be received by us all with a living faith.
- C** **Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.**
- P** Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide us by Your grace to know the power of sharing in His death so that, with Him, we may partake in His resurrection.
- C** **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn “Where You There”, #456 (1-3)



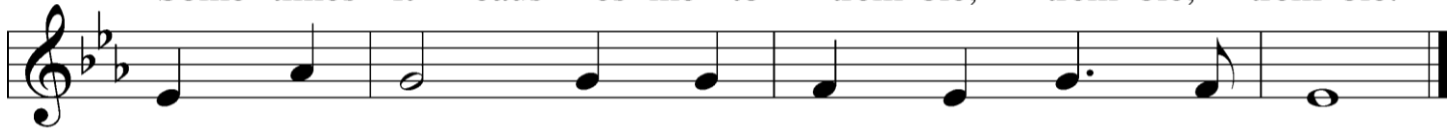
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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Parting Gospel Mark 15:42-47

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 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. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 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. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

(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.

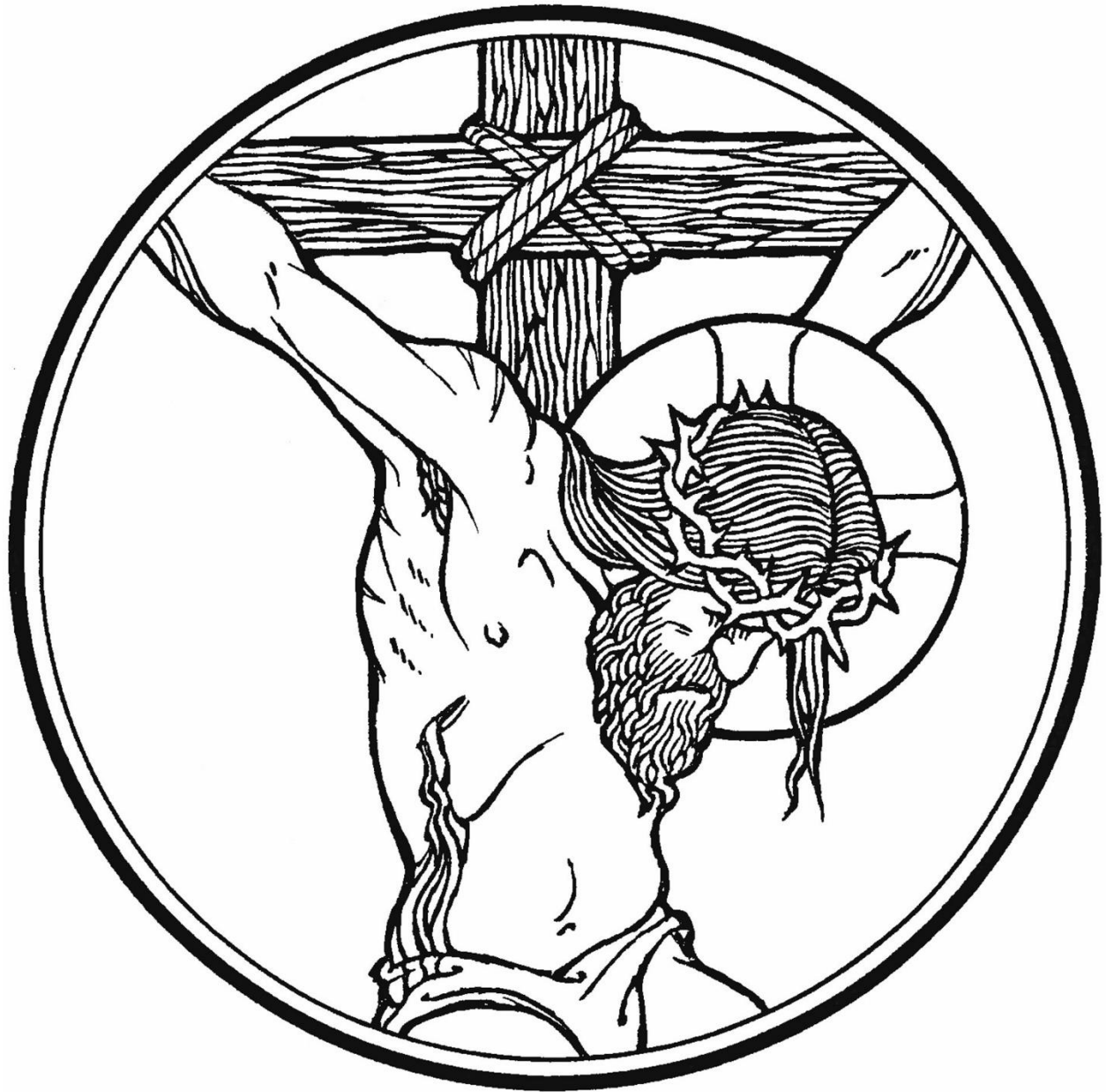
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This Week's Schedule

Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service (<i>begins out front</i>)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	6:30 a.m.	Meet the Rising Son/Sun (<i>out front</i>)
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Communion Service
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration Communion Service



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of eternal life

Merciful Father,

Today, we remember how your son died on the cross for us. He suffered betrayal, humiliation, and mockery for our sake.

He was beaten and wounded for our sins. He was crowned with thorns and crucified so that we may be saved. Our hearts are heavy as we remember his sufferings.

Though we mourn today, we find comfort in the hope that his death and resurrection brought to us. Because he died, we have the gift of eternal life. Because he overcame death, we know we are more than conquerors.

Thank you Father for this ultimate demonstration of love. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Amen



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