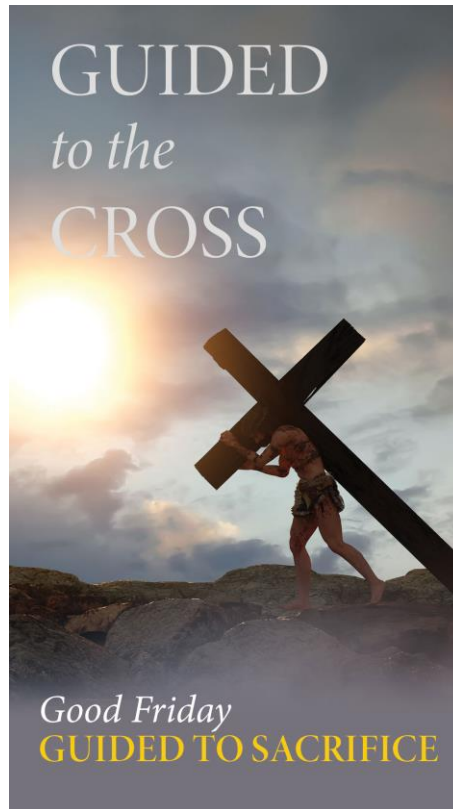


Good Friday
Thursday, March 29, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.
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Welcome!
To our guests and visitors:
We are glad that you are here with us today!
If you have no church home, consider joining us?
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service!

Call To Worship

Were You There?

By Lloyd Larson

Open Hymn

O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452:1-4

O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.

No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.

And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That he might make us whole.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus' ancestor, David the psalmist, foretold by divine inspiration the suffering and sacrifice of his descendant Jesus, the Lamb of God. Nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed using words from the prophetic psalm: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?...All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

C **'He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!'**...

P For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
C **They have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—**

P They stare and gloat over me;
C **They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots...**

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
C **And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

P For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.”
C **“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
C **Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We seek to satisfy our own selfish desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us instead of following your Word and ways. We do not love others as we should. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

P God, in his grace and mercy, sent his Son into the world as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. “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” (Isaiah 53:6). I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
C **With his wounds we are healed.**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, you bore our sins in your body on the cross. In our place, you suffered the penalty of death that we deserve. By God’s grace through faith in your name, our sins are forgiven, and we stand before God clothed in your holiness, your righteousness.

Lead us by the Holy Spirit to follow in your steps and be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of serving others. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, hear our prayer and accept our praise.

C **Amen.**

Upon the cross extended
See, world, your Lord suspended,
Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself hath freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.

Old Testament Reading**Isaiah 53:6-9**

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 19:31-35

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The 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.

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

**Sermon
The Offering****Guided To Sacrifice****Hebrews 10:12****Prayer of the Church**

- P Lord Jesus, when John the Baptist saw you, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” You came to be the perfect sacrifice, to bear our sins in your body on the cross, to give up your life to save us. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

- P Lord Jesus, we give thanks for those who each day sacrifice so much for us: family members, those in the armed forces, first responders and so many more. Watch over them, and keep them in your care. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**
- P Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are suffering through illness, pain or grief. Strengthen those who sacrifice their time to care for others. Give those who suffer and those who care for them the hope and comfort found in the promises of your Word. Open our eyes to see opportunities to serve and care for those in need. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**
- P Lord Jesus, lead us to sacrifice our time, talents and treasures in service to you through our service to others. Help us to bear the cross and follow your path of sacrifice. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**
- P Lord Jesus, as we remember today your sacrifice on the cross, we look forward to Easter morning, when we will rejoice in your triumphant resurrection. Through your sacrificial death we are forgiven. In your resurrection, we have life, now and forever. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

- P Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
- C **Amen.**

The congregation exits silently.