



***Peace in the Valley Lutheran
Church***



***Good Friday
April 10, 2020***

Please silence all cell phones.

Hymn (*Please Stand at verse 3*)

“Were You There” vs. 1-3

#456

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** We are gathered here tonight to remember Jesus, our Messiah and friend, who suffered horrible agony and died on the cross today.
- C** **It was for our sin He was crucified. It was our guilty voices that called “Crucify Him!”.**
- P** We fall at the foot of the cross with repentance. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful. Lord have mercy!
- C** **For God our Father is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Christ have mercy!**
- P** Jesus said “If any man would come after Me,
- C** **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” Lord have mercy.**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions
- C** **He was bruised for our iniquity. Lord have mercy.**
- P** We confess together:
- C** **I am a grievous sinner and plead guilty before God for all my sins. I have lived as if God did not matter. I have not honored my Lord’s name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are people whom I have hurt, and people I have failed to help. There are many times when I did not serve in His name. Even my deepest thoughts and desires have been soiled by sin. For these sins Jesus, my Lord, was crucified. I am so sorry for all of this and ask for mercy and grace.**
- P** May God be merciful and strengthen your faith, for as we believe in God’s forgiveness, so we are granted mercy and grace, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed is the one whose sins are forgiven, whose sin is covered.

© He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Please Be Seated

Scripture Reading

Psalm 74

¶ O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place;
they set up their own signs for signs.
They were like those who swing axes
in a forest of trees.[b]
And all its carved wood
they broke down with hatchets and hammers.
They set your sanctuary on fire;
they profaned the dwelling place of your name,
bringing it down to the ground.
They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them";
they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.
We do not see our signs;
there is no longer any prophet,
and there is none among us who knows how long.
How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?
Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?
Take it from the fold of your garment[c] and destroy them!
Yet God my King is from of old,
working salvation in the midst of the earth.
You divided the sea by your might;

you broke the heads of the sea monsters[d] on the waters.
You crushed the heads of Leviathan;
you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.
You split open springs and brooks;
you dried up ever-flowing streams.
Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.
You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you have made summer and winter.
Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.
Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.
Have regard for the covenant,
for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of
violence.
Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.
Arise, O God, defend your cause;
remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day!
Do not forget the clamor of your foes,
the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up
continually!

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

P “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

P O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by^[a] the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit^[e] through faith.

Sermon Theme

“The Tree of the Cross”

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please Stand

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Christ came in great humility, to die on the cross for our sin. Enable us to resist evil and live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and walk in His footsteps.**

P In Holy Baptism we were clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness. We therefore have been baptized into His death.

C **We are buried with Him. We hope for Resurrection and newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Amen.**

Please Be Seated

Closing Hymn

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

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After a moment for individual prayer, you are asked to leave God’s house in silent reflection, contemplating what He has done for you this night.

Good Friday offerings may be left in the basket in the Narthex.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM

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