

"Welcome to Worship!"

In this service tonight, we remember that on the cross, Christ followed through with the will of God, crying out, "It is Finished" as He breathed His last. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, the "Agnus Dei", who paid the price in full for our sins. During the service as the "words" from the cross are spoken, the sanctuary will become darkened, to remember Jesus' death for us. Our sermon title is, "Agnus Dei!" May God richly bless your Good Friday worship!



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Friday, March 31, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm Service

(As the congregation enters, each person receives a nail to remind them of their sin for which Jesus Christ was crucified.)

Pre - Service Music

Ken Thies

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB #427 vss. 1-3

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diancy
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.

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Invocation & Opening Sentences

(Selected verses from Psalm 80)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Turn us again to yourself, O God Almighty

C: make Your face shine upon us.

P: Only then will we be saved.

C: You brought Israel from Egypt like a grapevine.

P: but now our walls are broken down

C: the wild boar from the forest devours it, and the wild animals feed on it.

P: Look from heaven and see our plight. Take care of this grapevine.

C: Turn us again to Yourself, O God Almighty.

P: Make Your face shine upon us.

C: Only then will we be saved.

All: 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*(We kneel beneath the cross and observe a moment of silence
for personal prayers of confession.)*

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

P: You reign over all things yet humbled Yourself for our salvation, suffering under God's wrath that was poured out upon You on the wooden cross.

C: Dear Jesus, bring us to the places You walked and to the people You encountered on that Friday so long ago.

P: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness Your suffering and listen to Your last words of love.

C: As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against Your holy commandments. We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others. O God, we have tried to hide from You and one another. We confess that we have turned away from You in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus Christ, God, be merciful to me a sinner."

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was sacrificed upon the old rugged wooden cross so that we may be rescued from our sins and given the peace that God alone can give. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

"Jesus I Will Ponder Now"

LSB #440

(During the hymn, an usher will invite you to come forward with the nail given to you as you entered. Each nail represents our personal sins that caused the suffering for Jesus. Please pound the nail in, or give the nail to the assistant to hammer into the cross.)



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,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



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;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



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,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



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.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

**If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!**

**Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me,
O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold 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.

Anthem

"Tenebrae in E Flat"

Trinity Choir

Johann Michael Haydn (C) 1939 Paul A Schmitt Music Company

Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-3

R: The Old Testament reading for Good Friday, is from the book of Exodus, the twelfth chapter:

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

R: The Epistle reading is from First Corinthians, the first chapter:

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach[a] to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB #425



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!

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Sermon

"Agnus Dei"

Exodus 12:1-13

Offering

+ The Seven Last Words +

P: On this night that we remember our Lord's death for us, we will reflect upon the seven last "words" or statements Jesus made from the cross.

Word of Forgiveness

Luke 23:33-38

³³ 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. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her focused on the true foundation, Jesus Christ. And we pray that we would also forgive those who have sinned against us.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth. We ask You to keep Your Church safe throughout the world, defending her against Satan; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The First candle is extinguished)

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB #436, vs. 1-2

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1 Go to dark Geth-se-ma-ne, All who feel the
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, View the Lord of
tempt-er's pow'r; Your Re-deem-er's con-flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
Watch with Him one bit-ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf-f'ring,
griefs a-way; Learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for all who are not yet believers in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that God would call them to faith in Him and gather them into His family, the Church:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, because You do not want anyone to be lost to You, hear our prayers for all who do not yet believe in You. Open their eyes, hearts, and minds to the wonder of Your glory and bring them into the body of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The Second candle is extinguished)

Hymn

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

LSB #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.

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²⁵ Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for our families, that we would hold each other dearly, and love and serve the Lord:

C: O merciful Father in heaven, You have given us families to love and cherish. Help us to love and respect all members of our families as dear treasures from You. And most importantly, let us revere and respect Your holy Word most fully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Third candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB #451, v. 1-2



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

Word of Justice

Mark 15:25-35

²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. ³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all terror, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those who are oppressed, give health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sorrowful and strength of the weak, hear the prayers of those who cry out to You in suffering or distress, so that in all their needs they find peace in Your help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The Fourth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB #439,v. 1-2

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.

Word of Torment

John 19:28-29

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ 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.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously give them the things which are necessary and beneficial for their salvation:

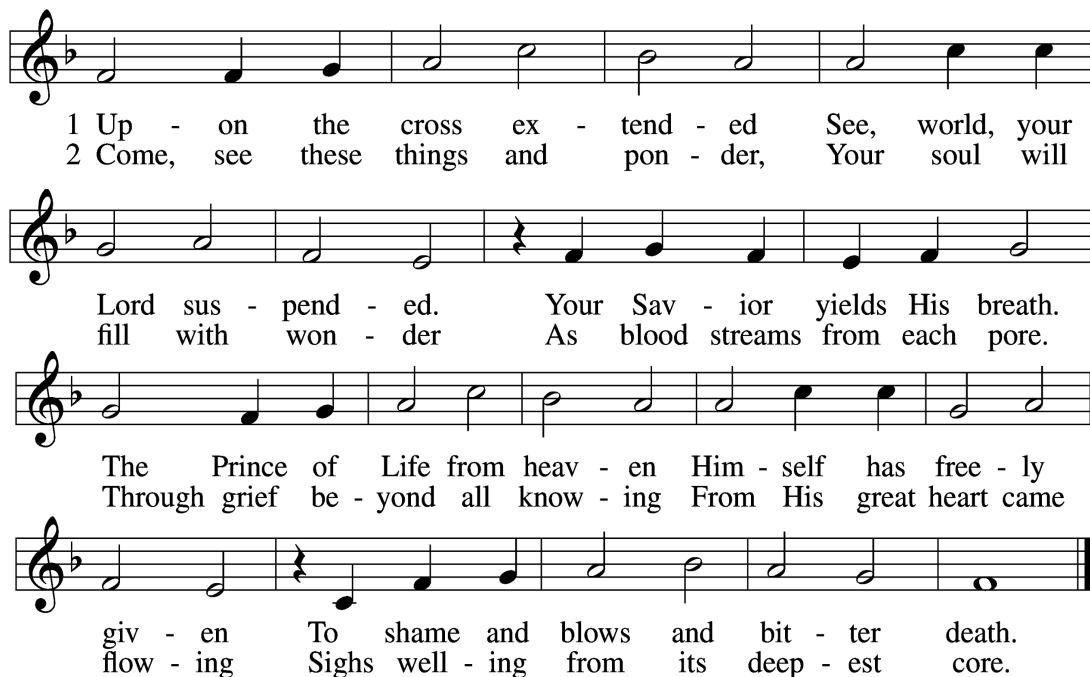
C: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We ask You, by Your gracious mercy, to lead all our enemies to true repentance so they may experience the same love and be of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The Fifth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

"Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB #453, v. 1-2



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.

Text and tune: Public domain

Word of Triumph

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for peace, that we may experience the peace that is beyond our understanding as God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments, leading us by the Holy Spirit in our daily walk:

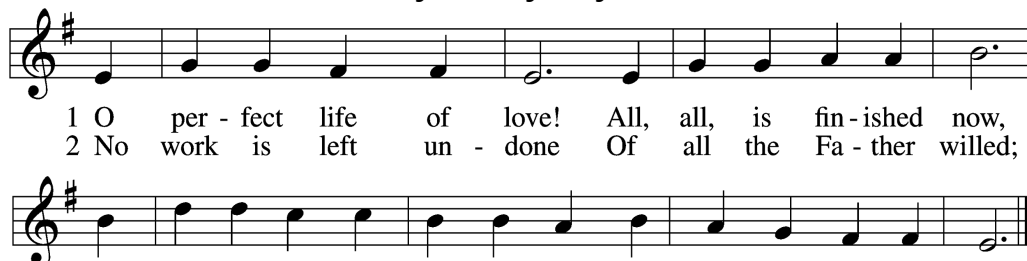
C: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose divine intervention all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all harmony, give us Your heavenly peace and unity that we may serve You in true awe and reverence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Sixth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

"O Perfect Life of Love"

LSB #452, v.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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Word of Trust

Luke 23:44-47

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

Hymn

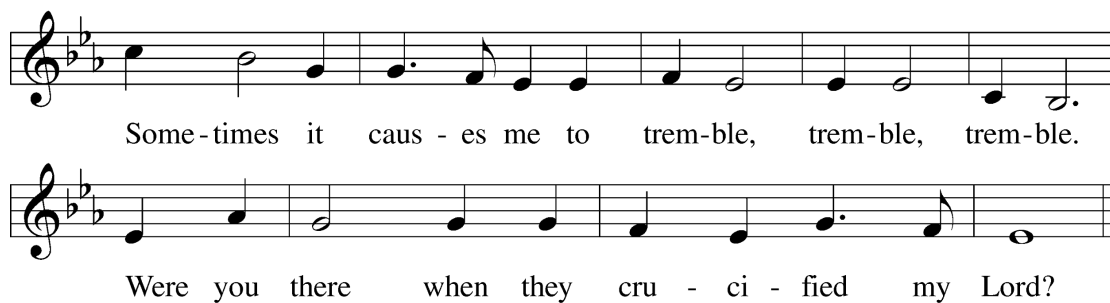
"Were You There?"

LSB #456, v. 1



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .

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Lord's Prayer

(whispered quietly)

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.

The Light of Christ

(The Christ candle, symbolizing the light of Christ, is removed from the sanctuary.)

The Strepitus

(A loud noise is heard symbolizing the stone being rolled in front of the tomb.)

The Candle is Returned

(The Christ candle is returned to its place in the middle of the altar symbolizing that the darkness of death has been conquered.)

After a time of silent prayer, all worshipers are encouraged to leave in silence, anticipating the worship on the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Worship, Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sunrise Service-8:00 am

Festival Service-10:30 am

Easter Breakfast 9:00 -10:15 am