

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Good Friday

March 25, 2016

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Please Enter in Silence

Opening Hymn – “Jesus I Will Ponder Now” CW 98

Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 53:2-10a The Suffering Servant

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment, he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.

Prayer for Good Friday

P: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Musical Selection – Senior Choir “Behold, The Savior”

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Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

All: I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: Amen.

Hymn – “Were You There”

CW 119

**Sermon
THE REAL BEAUTY OF JESUS
based on Isaiah 53**

Offering

The Seven Words From the Cross

The First Word – FORGIVENESS

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:33-34a

P: Lord Jesus our Savior, at your crucifixion you spoke not a curse but a blessing. We confess that it is our sin that led you to suffer the punishments of hell in our place. Forgive us, and help us by your Holy Spirit to measure the depths of your undying love for us.

C: Amen.

A candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn – “O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”

CW 118

The Second Word - PARADISE

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-43

P: Lord Jesus our Savior, by your suffering and death you have won eternal life for all who trust in you. Remember us today as you remembered the penitent thief on the day of your crucifixion, and strengthen our faith through your promise of paradise.

C: Amen.

A second candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn – “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” CW 112

The Third Word - CARE

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:25-27

P: Lord Jesus our Savior, by your perfect love you provided care for your mother and righteousness for all who trust in you. Lead us always to turn to you for comfort and relief, for you have promised to supply us with everything we need for body and life.

C: Amen.

A third candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn – “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

CW 139 w 1-3

The Fourth Word – SUFFERING

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “**Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?**” -- which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:45-46

P: Jesus plunged in depths unknown
With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heaven is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

C: Amen.

A fourth candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Musical Selection – Psalm 22

After it is introduced, the congregation is asked to join in on the refrain.



My God, am I forsaken? Why turn from me your eyes?
Why cease to know my anguish, Or hear my heartfelt cries. **REFRAIN**

The faithful ones before me. Found favor by their trust;
While, I, despised, tormented, Am cast in to the dust. **REFRAIN**

With scorn my foes de-ride me, Their taunts my faith would move;
Yet firm in my convictions, Deep-rooted in your love. **REFRAIN**

My God, my sure salvation, Be near me all my days;
Whatever may befall me, Remain my strength always. **REFRAIN**

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The Fifth Word – THIRST

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

John 19:28-29

P: Son of Man, you suffered hunger in the wilderness, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, and you thirsted as your life ebbed away. You were tempted in every way just as we are, yet you are without sin. We praise you, Lord Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

A fifth candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn – “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

CW 139 w 5-7

The Sixth Word – COMPLETION

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”

John 19:30a

P: Your works, not mine, O Christ Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone, For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee.
C: Amen.

A sixth candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn – “Glory Be To Jesus”

CW 103



The Seventh Word – COMMITTAL

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23:44-46

A seventh candle is extinguished – brief silence for meditation.

Hymn - "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross did suf-fer,



Ev-er pa-tient and low - ly, Your-self to scorn did of-fer.



All sins you car - ried for us,



Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Your peace be with us, O Je-sus!

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The Final Word - BURIAL

***Even as Jesus is buried one candle is re-lit in the hope of
Easter morning.***

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Mark 15:42-46

Children's Choir - The Burial

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