



Good Friday – Christ Our Redeemer

March 30, 2018

Please enter in silence

P: On this night we remember that Christ, the Lamb of God was
betrayed,
arrested,
mocked,
beaten
and finally crucified.

OPENING HYMN – “God Was There on Calvary”

CW 140

INVOCATION

P: We gather this evening in guilt, in grace and in gratitude.

In guilt,

C: because we know it is our sins that brought you, dear Savior, to this cross.

P: In grace,

C: because your blood paid the penalty for our sins and we are free.

P: In gratitude,

C: because we daily experience by faith all the benefits of your cross.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: From the time that we are born, until the day we leave this earth, we live in the midst of trouble and sin. We live with the effects of other people's sin, and we live with the effects of our own sin. Others fail us, and we in turn, fail them. We can see prejudice and pride, greed and injustice in others and, if we are honest, we can also see them in ourselves. The cross is an ugly reminder of our sin, it is also a beautiful reminder of our forgiveness. Let us look to the Lord and confess our sins.


C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.


HYMN OF APPRECIATION

"The Lamb"

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The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
our be - half the law to fill.
gives me his own righ - teous - ness.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

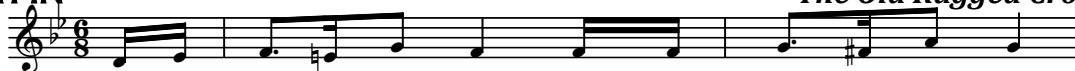
P: God, most holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ, was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,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

C: Amen.

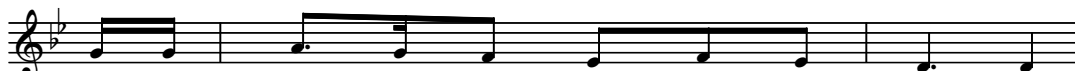
GOOD FRIDAY LESSON – Isaiah 53:2-10a He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. 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.

HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”



On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true;



The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear.



And I love that old cross, where the dear - est and best
 For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove
 For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
 Then HE'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay
 down. I will cling to the old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some-day for a
 crown.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

HYMN – “He Stood Before the Court”

CW 115

Stanza One – Choir

Stanzas 2-4 - Congregation

SERMON

Good Friday From Jesus Perspective

Matthew 28:45-46

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About 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?”

OFFERING

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION - *John 19:16b-22*

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

MUSICAL SELECTION *"My Savior Jesus"*

COR Choir

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JESUS' SUFFERING *John 19:23-27*

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did. 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 her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

SING:

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**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

JESUS' DEATH - *John 19:28-30*

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

SING:

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**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Where you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

THE BURIAL OF JESUS - *John 19:38-42*

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SING:

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**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION - *Isaiah 53:11-12*

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN - "*Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*"

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**Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!**

*You will be ushered out in silence
In honor and remembrance of Jesus' death.
Please feel free to remain in meditation.*