

Good Friday

Christ Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church

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

OPENING HYMN – “*There Is a Green Hill Far Away*”

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There is a green hill far a - way, Out - side a ci - ty wall,
We may not know, we can - not tell, What pains he had to bear,
He died that we might be for - giv'n, He died to make us good,
There was no oth - er good e - nough To pay the price of sin.



Where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, Who died to save us all.
But we be - lieve it was for us He hung and suf - fered there.
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by his pre - cious blood.
He on - ly could un - lock the gate Of heav'n and let us in.

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.

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.

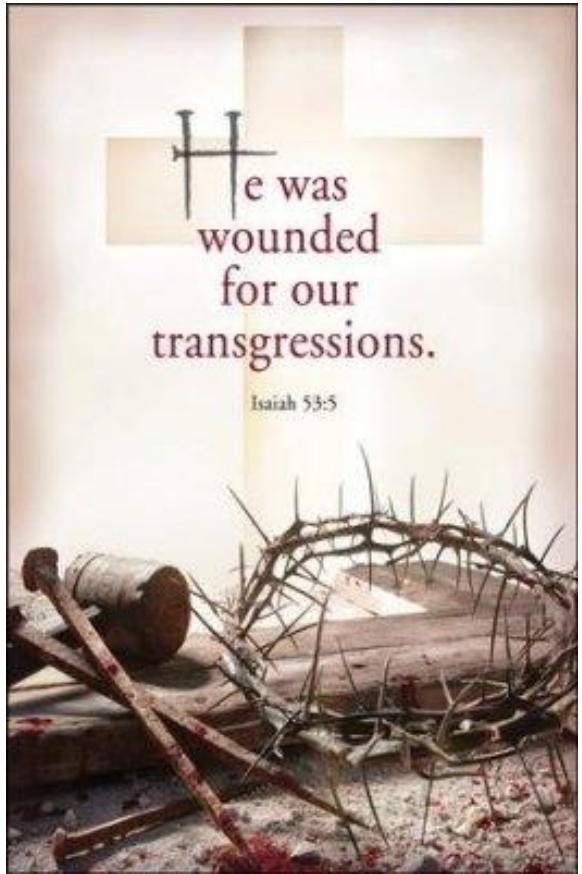
C: Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY LESSON – Isaiah 53:2-10a

The suffering servant takes our place

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.



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.

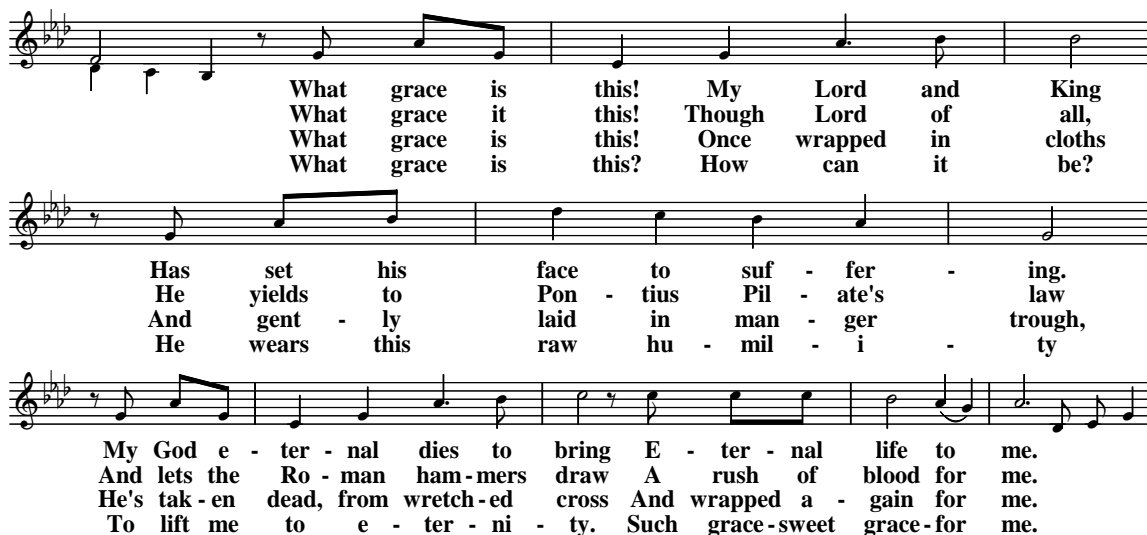
He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

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 – “What Grace Is This?”

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What grace is this! My Lord and King
What grace it is! Though Lord of all,
What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
What grace is this? How can it be?
Has set his face to suf - fer - ing.
He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's law
And gent - ly laid in man - ger trough,
He wears this raw hu - mil - i - ty
My God e - ter - nal dies to bring E - ter - nal life to me.
And lets the Ro - man ham - mers draw A rush of blood for me.
He's tak - en dead, from wretch - ed cross And wrapped a - gain for me.
To lift me to e - ter - ni - ty. Such grace - sweet grace - for me.

SERMON – *Mark 15:33-38* EYES ON JESUS FOR HOLY WEEK

God’s Eyes

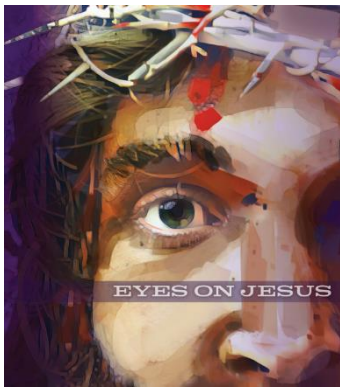
³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”



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 “*Beautiful the Wounds of Christ*”

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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?**

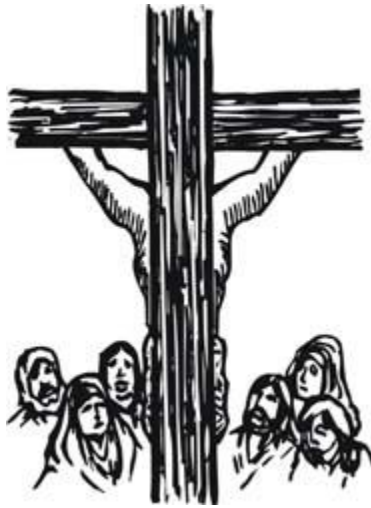
JESUS' DEATH - *John 19:28-30*

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.

CLOSING VERSES “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

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**My Savior, then be near me When death is at my door,
And let your presence cheer me; Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish, Oh leave me not alone,
But take away my anguish By virtue of your own!**

**Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I just die;
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you, Who dies in faith dies well.**