

Good Friday- April 2, 2021



The solemnity of this day is one that can bring us to tears as we reflect on our sinfulness and contribution to Jesus' death. In his last moments, Jesus entrusted his mother's care to the disciple he loved. Knowing that his time was almost gone, he uttered, "I thirst." When he received his last sip of sour wine, he proclaimed to all who could hear, "It is finished." Darkness took over even as God continued to act.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this evening.
- ◆ In tonight's worship, we contemplate the crucifixion of our Lord and listen to his Seven Last Words on the cross. Moved by a love so great, we offer him our lives and pray for the world to be united with him.
- ◆ Please be our guests this Sunday as we celebrate the Christ's Resurrection from the dead. See back page for times.

We enter worship this evening in silence

MUSICIAN - KAREN WARNELL

PSALM 22:1, 11-17 *(Solo Voice: Harrold Wheeler, Jr.)*

Verse & PRAYER

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

C: and by his wounds we are healed. *(Is. 53:6)*

P: Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we, and all who worship this day, find new life in you, both now and in the world to come;

C: where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

HYMN "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" LBW #117:1-2 *(Sung)*

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.**

MESSAGE

HYMN "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" LBW #117:3-4 *(Sung)*

**What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.**

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 23: 32-34	“Father, forgive them”
Luke 23: 38-43	“You will be with me in paradise”
John 19: 25-27	“Here is your son”
Mark 15:33-34	“My God, My God”
John 19: 28	“I am thirsty”
John 19: 29-30	“It is finished”
Luke 23: 44-46	“Father, into your hands”

LESSON READERS

Katie Whitten
Julie Thompson
Connie Bazemore
Beth Helmly
Karen Williams
Deb Stephenson
Rod Stephenson

✠ A bell rings and an altar candle is extinguished after each painful word from the cross.

ACT OF REPENTANCE

(The small spike represents our participation in Christ's death as those whose sins nailed him to the cross. As a symbolic act of repentance - exchanging our sins for the forgiveness of Christ's atoning death—worshippers may rise from their seat to go place their spike in the baptismal font bowl.)

HYMN “LAMB OF GOD” *(Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

(This ancient prayer form has been used at Good Friday services since at least the 6th century; 1 Tim. 2:1-2)

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world. *[Silent prayer]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have gathered into one Body of Christ all believers and given them your Holy Spirit. Guide the work of your Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray for all pastors, leaders and ministers of the Church, and for all the people of God. *[Silent prayer]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us faithfully do the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God keep us united in one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and make us eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *[Silent prayer]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give unity to the Church and bless all who follow Jesus your Son. Make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who do not know God or have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. *[Silent prayer]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that our Christian lives and witness may be the tokens of your love and truth which enables others to gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all people may live in true freedom and peace. *[Silent prayer]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and share in the goodness of your creation. Restrain those who seek to enhance their power by violence and war, and protect all those in harm's way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease. *[Silent prayers of supplication for those in need]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. Through the death of Jesus heal all our wounds of body, mind and spirit and forgive us our multitude of sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

(Lights are dimmed)

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "WERE YOU THERE" LBW #92 *(Sung; *Stanza Three: Richard Hall)*

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

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were 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?**

**[*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were 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 loud noise [Strepitus] symbolizes that Christ's work is finished
and the tomb stone is closed shut.***

Please depart worship this evening in silence and make your way to your vehicles!

THE OFFERING You may leave your offering in the basket on the table in the Hallway.

Please join us this Sunday for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. There will be an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am on the grounds. Bring a chair and a flashlight. Immediately following there will be an breakfast hosted by the Men's Group of Bible. The Sunday school hour is recessed for Easter and we finish our celebration with Easter Holy Communion at 10am.

