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Good Friday

1:00pm



"It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining." (Luke 23:44-45) From noon until 3:00pm darkness covered the land. This darkness was the result neither of an eclipse nor of storm clouds. It was something supernatural, an act of God. It was a sign of God's dreadful judgment upon sin as suffered by His Son. Hanging on the cross, Jesus experienced the agony of hell, separation from his heavenly Father. It was not for his own sins he suffered; he had none, but for our sins. Today, we once again take a look at the price that the Son of God, Jesus, paid for our sins on that first Good Friday.

The Order of Service

As the congregation arrives, no music will be played so that all can meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Bells & Welcome

The Opening Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Christian Worship #104, verses 1-3

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Please Rise

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C: *(Spoken)* Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.
C: *(Spoken)* A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

C: **I do confess.**

P: Verily, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

P: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

C: **I do repent.**

P: Verily, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

P: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C: **I do believe.**

P: Verily, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

P: Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Ghost you will henceforth amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

C: **I do promise.**

P: Verily, you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

P: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C: I do believe.

P: As you believe, even so may it be unto you. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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: (Spoken) Amen.

Please be Seated

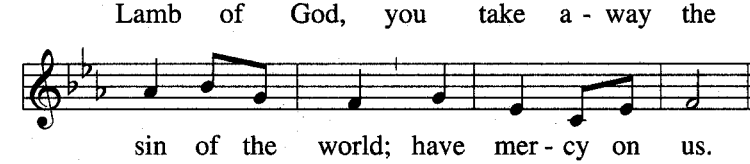
The First Lesson Isaiah 53:3-12

Isaiah describes the suffering of God's exalted Servant, Jesus Christ. The Lord exalted his Servant because he humbled himself to the point of inhuman shame in order to carry out God's purpose of saving sinners.

³ 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. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.

The Psalm of the Day Psalm 22

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My God, my God, why have you for'saken me?*

Why are you so far from 'saving me?

I am a worm and 'not a man,*

scorned by men and despised by the 'people.

All who see me 'mock me;*

they hurl insults, shaking 'their heads:

"He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord 'rescue him.*

Let him deliver him, since he de'lights in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof 'of my mouth;*

you lay me in the 'dust of death.

A band of evil men has en'circled me,*

they have pierced my hands 'and my feet.

They divide my garments a'mong them*

and cast lots for my 'clothing.

But you, O Lord, be not 'far off;*

O my Strength, come quickly to 'help me.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

Please Rise

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 19:17-30

John records as historical fact what Isaiah foresaw and what the writer to the Hebrews ponders. The Servant of the Lord acted as our great High Priest by sacrificing himself once for all on Calvary's cross.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others — one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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." ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ²³ 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. ²⁴ "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 which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ 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," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Please be Seated

Congregation Hymn "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

Christian Worship #139, verses 1-5



1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, E - ven
 2 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the
 3 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose
 4 Je - sus, plunged in depths un - known With our
 5 Je - sus, in your thirst and pain, While your

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while your life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don
 thief who near you dies, Prom - is - ing him
 heart your sor - rows rend, And your dear - est
 e - vil foe a - lone, While no light from
 wounds the life - blood drain, Thus ful - fill - ing



for your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 par - a - dise: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 hu - man friend: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 heav'n is shown: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 Scrip - ture's plan: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!

The Sermon Luke 23:39-43

I Tell You the Truth . . . Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Please Rise

The Responsive Prayer

- P:** Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.
- C:** **Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.**
- P:** Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.
- C:** **When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.**

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: **For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.**

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: **Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.**

P: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: **Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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 BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

Please be Seated

Closing Hymn..... "Oh, Perfect Life of Love"

Christian Worship #138



1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is
2 No work is left un - done Of all the
3 No pain that we can share But he has
4 And on his thorn - crowned head And on his
5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he

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fin - ished now, All that he left his
Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,
felt its smart; All forms of hu - man
sin - less soul Our sins in all their
dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing



throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
Sac - ri - fice, You died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Your merits, not my own.

The Offering

You may place your offering in the tower in the back of church as you leave.

As you leave this afternoon, we ask that you leave in silence meditating on the death of Jesus on the first Good Friday. You will not be ushered out. Please leave when you wish. May you return to celebrate with us the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning.

Service Participants

Preacher & Liturgist..... Pastor Brian Adams

Organist Mrs. Marie Becker

Upcoming Opportunities for worship:

Good Friday Tenebrae (Tonight) 6:30pm ~ April 3
Easter Sunrise Worship 6:00am ~ April 5
Easter Breakfast 7:00am ~ April 5
Easter Festival Worship 8:30am ~ April 5

Please come and join us!