

Good Friday

Friday – March 29, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. Worship
(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Silent Prayer Before Worship

Merciful and everlasting God, Your Son offered Himself with faith in You and true worship of the heart. Grant that with hearts fixed on Jesus and faith in Him we may see Your grace and mercy calling us Your own and fear neither death nor hell, but live in devotion to our Savior, in anticipation of the blessings to come, and with joy before a world still in darkness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #438:1 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."

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Stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:22:1-7, 14-15, 19, 22, 27, 31

- P** ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- C** **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**
- P** ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
- C** **and by night, but I find no rest.**
- P** ³Yet you are holy,
- C** **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P ⁴In you our fathers trusted;
C **they trusted, and you delivered them.**
P ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
C **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**
P ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
C **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
P ⁷All who see me mock me;
C **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**
P ¹⁴I am poured out like water,
C **and all my bones are out of joint;**
P my heart is like wax;
C **it is melted within my breast;**
P ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
C **you lay me in the dust of death.**
P ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
C **O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
P ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
C **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**
P ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
C **and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**
P ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
C **that he has done it.**
ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:3-6

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
¹⁴As many were astonished at you—

Rev. James Schroeder

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

Special Music: "Were You There"

Bonnie Nelson & Mark Stevens

The First Word



Stand

Reading: Mark 15:22-32

Signey Carter

²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

Extinguishing of the 1st Candle

Reading: Luke 23:34

Signey Carter

³⁴And Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**" And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Sit

Hymn #430:5 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.

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Silence

Stand

Prayer

P Lord Jesus, sent by Your Father You carried in Your own flesh our sinful rebellion, and You have brought us into reconciliation with God. Teach us to follow as disciples that we also may pray for those who sin against us, and so carry Your forgiveness to a world alienated from God and from life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Second Word

Reading: Luke 23:39-43

Terry Carter

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, ***"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."***

Extinguishing of the 2nd Candle

Sit

Hymn #437:1-2 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!

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Silence

Stand **Prayer**

P Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, on the cross You called one lost sinner, and You have called each one of us from being lost. Guide us that, having been made Your own, we may grow in love, and seek those whom You seek; that through us the love of God may reach many around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Third Word



Reading: John 19:25-27

Pam Kirk

²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Extinguishing of the 3rd Candle

Sit

Hymn #370:2 "What Child Is This"

2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

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Silence

Stand

Prayer

P Dear Jesus our Savior, You were born to bring us into the family of God, that sharing in Your Word, we may together receive blessings and life from our Father in heaven. Fill us with joy in those You have given us in this life; so that walking in faith and devotion we may be a blessing to all around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Fourth Word

Reading: Mark 15:33-36

Kenyon Gjerde

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, **“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”** which means, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”** ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Extinguishing of the 4th Candle

Sit

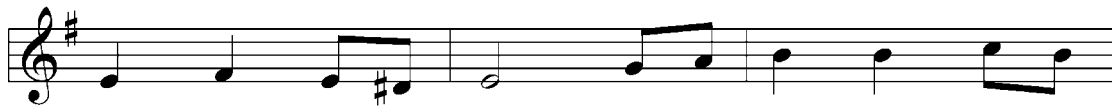
Hymn #451”2-3 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”



2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil



His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its



sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -



wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the



deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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Silence

Stand

Prayer

P Lord Jesus our Redeemer, in Your great cry You called out in faith, and on the cross brought the promises of Your Father to the furthest and darkest place. Strengthen our faith that we may trust Your promises in every part and condition of our lives. Guide us to follow You with simple faith and faith filled devotion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Fifth Word



Reading: John 19:28-29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), ***“I thirst.”*** ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

Mark Stevens

Extinguishing of the 5th Candle

Sit

Hymn #431:1-2 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;



Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.

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Silence

Stand

Prayer

P Dear Jesus, our Lord and Teacher, You fasted and thirsted and taught us that we do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your Father; and so You lead us into faith and worship. Teach us to have our hearts set on the things of eternity, knowing that our life is hid with You in the love and promises of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Sixth Word



Reading: John 19:30

Norma Carlson

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "***It is finished,***" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Extinguishing of the 6th Candle

Sit

Hymn #432:1-2 "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;



In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.

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Silence

Stand

Prayer

P O Jesus, Lamb of God, in devotion to Your Father’s desire for our salvation, and in Your love for us You laid down Your life. At such a price You bought us that we may know for all eternity that we are redeemed. Lead us to rest in the completeness of Your salvation, and rejoice in the freedom of belonging to You, that we may live in devotion to our God and continue to praise You for all eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Seventh Word



Reading: Luke 23:45-49

Signey Carter

⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the ⁴⁶curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Extinguishing of the 7th Candle

Sit

Hymn #801:3 "How Great Thou Art"



3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to



die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly

bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou
 art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Sermon "Good Friday Changes Everything"

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Stand

Prayer

P Lord Jesus, You stooped down to raise us up, sharing our nature that we may share Your eternity. By Your death, death is torn apart. By Your cross You bring the promise of resurrection. Lead us to proclaim Your victory and trust Your promises, because You have covered us with those promises and have promised to lead us into eternal glory and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

Silence

† The Exit of the Christ Candle †

Reading: Mark 15:42-47

Bonnie Nelson

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,
⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

† The Tolling of the Bell †

† The Strepitus †

*The slamming noise symbolizes
the closing of the Book of the Law,
the sealing of the tomb,
the sacrifice complete.*

† The Re-Entrance of the Christ Candle †

Reading: Mark 16:1-4

Bonnie Nelson

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

† Silent Prayer †

The pastor and congregation leave in complete silence.

Prayer After Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

† Celebrate Easter †

The story continues . . .

**Sunday Morning – March 31, 2024
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**

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