Good Friday Sunday – April 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Worship (In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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🕇 Call to Worship 🕇

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Greeting and Opening Prayer



Stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Good Friday Prayer of Confession

- P Tonight, we look on a sad sight. The Lord and Savior who many thought would deliver a nation, proclaim a Kingdom, and usher in eternity, hangs dying on a Roman cross. A disappointment for many to be sure, but through the Gospel inspired by the Holy Spirit, in the Father's plan we have come to faith that this Good Friday sacrifice brings us forgiveness of our sin, and our transgressions. We confess.
- C Lord we are not the people you created us to be. We know our nature and our sin, but on this night especially we confess all of these, and throw ourselves again on Jesus' suffering and death for our sin. Forgive us and lead us as your repentant children.
- P And this is Good Friday because the news from that cross is good, the deed is done, the sacrifice made, the payment for sin received. You are forgiven in the name of the father son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- **C** Thank you Jesus, for your mercy, love, and sacrifice. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1, 6-11

- \mathbf{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?
- P⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
- **C** scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- \mathbf{P} ⁷All who see me mock me;
- **C** they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- **P**⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
- **C** let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- \mathbf{P} ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
- **C** you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- **₽**¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
- **C** and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- \mathbf{P}^{11} Be not far from me,
- **C** for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Collect

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters four and five.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel

Holy Gospel: *LW Agenda* [*Portions of*] "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels"

The following excerpt is from within the reading and will be read responsively with the congregation.

- ▶ Now at the feast it was the governor's custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner whom they asked for. They had at that time a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. He was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising in the city.
- R Pilate knew that it was out of malice that the chief priests handed Jesus over. Therefore he said to them, "Do you want me to release for you Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?"

C The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

R Pilate asked them again, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

C And they cried out altogether, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!"

R Again Pilate addressed them, for he wished to release Jesus. He said to them, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? What shall I do with him whom you call the King of the Jews?"



Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found no guilt worthy of death in him; I will therefore punish him and let him go."

C They cried out all the louder, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

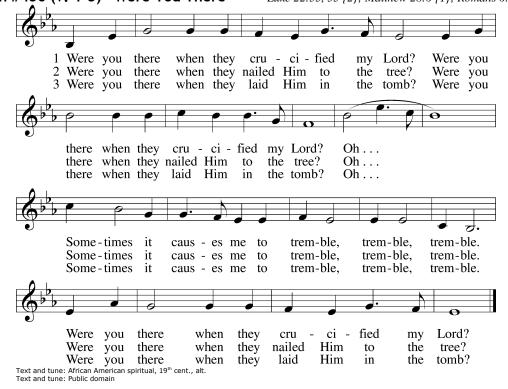
Good Friday Meditation: "Getting It; or Not"

and forgive us our trespasses

| <i>Stand</i> Prayer | | |
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| P | Let us pray. | |
| | Lord God, our heavenly, Father in Jesus' name we pray, | |
| C | Amen. | |
| Lord's Prayer | | |
| C | Our Father who art in heaven, | as we forgive those |
| | hallowed be Thy name, | who trespass against us; |
| | Thy kingdom come, | and lead us not into temptation, |
| | Thy will be done on earth | but deliver us from evil. |
| | as it is in heaven; | For Thine is the kingdom |
| | give us this day our daily bread; | and the power and the glory |

Hymn #456 (v. 1-3) "Were You There" Luke 22:33, 53 [2]; Matthew 28:6 [1]; Romans 6:3-4 [3]

forever and ever. Amen.



+ Silent Prayer +

There will be no postlude. After your silent prayer, please leave quietly.

We wait for the Third Day ...

The congregation leaves in silence.

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