

GOOD FRIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

March 29, 2024 – 11:00am



As We Gather – “The Body of Christ”

This is a service of meditation and silence, commemorating what is the most solemn day of the Church Year. We will hear again Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant and the account of the Passion of our Lord. At the end of the service, you may remain for meditation and reflection as long as you wish. Please exit in silence.

SILENCE

The service begins without an introduction; we are continuing the worship begun yesterday.

MEDITATION

P Let us pray.

As we meditate in silence for several minutes and you hear the sound of the hammer hitting the nail into the cross, meditate on your sins that nailed Jesus to the cross, and how He died that you might be forgiven.

C O most merciful God, since you have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

C Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

P Surely there is no one righteous on earth who does good and never sins.

C Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

P Like David we must say, "We have sinned greatly in what we have done. But now, O Lord, we pray you, take away the iniquity of your servants; for we have done very foolishly."

C Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

P Like Paul we must say, "We know that nothing good dwells within us, that is, in our flesh. We can will what is right, but we cannot do it. For we do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we do."

C Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

P Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree."

C In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *(read responsively)*

P See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness (v. 13-14)

- C** so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. (v. 15)
- P** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? (v. 1)
- C** He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.
- P** He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. (v. 2)
- C** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
- P** Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (v. 3)
- C** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. (v. 4)

HYMN, LSB 451, verse 1

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

I Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.

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- P** But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. (v. 5)
- P** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
- C** and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (v.6)
- P** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
- C** 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. (v. 7)

- P** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,
C though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. (v. 9)

HYMN, LSB 451, stanza 2

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

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- P** 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. (v. 10)
- C** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ;
- P** by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. (v. 11)
- C** 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.
- P** For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (v. 12)

HYMN, LSB 451, stanza 3

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its

guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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PSALMODY, PSALM 22:1-19, 27-31

- P** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.
- C** **My God, my God, to you I cry; Oh, hear my anxious plea.**
- P** But you are enthroned as the Holy One, the one whom Israel praises. Our ancestors put their trust in you, and you saved them.
- C** **My God, my God, look from on high; In mercy answer me.**
- P** All who see me make fun of me: "You relied on the Lord; why doesn't he save you?" Do not stay away from me! Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.
- C** **My God, my God, to you I cry; Oh, hear my anxious plea.**
- P** All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax. My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
- C** **My God, my God, look from on high; In mercy answer me.**
- P** A gang of evil men is around me; they tear at my hands and my feet. They gamble for my clothes and divide them among themselves.
- C** **My God, my God, to you I cry; Oh, hear my anxious plea.**
- P** The Lord is King, and he rules the nations. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told: "The Lord saved his people."
- C** **My God, my God, look from on high; In mercy answer me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Tune LSB 527*)

For us, O precious Jesus, your body, giv'n to death,
 From sin and terror frees us, grants us new life and breath.
 O Word-made-flesh, forever your name shall be adored.
 Oh, let us cherish ever the body of our Lord.

EPISTLE READING, Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

RESPONSORY

C My God, my God, to you I cry; Oh, hear my anxious plea.

P Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

C My God, my God, look from on high; In mercy answer me.

HYMN, LSB 430, stanzas 1-4

“My Song Is Love Unknown”



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

THE PASSION GOSPEL, John 19:16-42

So [Pilate] delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced." After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

SERMON HYMN, LSB 430, stanzas 5-7

“My Song Is Love Unknown”



5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
 7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they
 have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
 gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home
 Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
 That He His foes From thence might free.
 But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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SERMON, “The Body of Christ”

Pastor Bob Gehrke

BIDDING PRAYER

A *Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of his truth, keep, we ask you, in safety the works of your mercy so that your Church, spread throughout all nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

A *Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word and for all the people of God:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all your servants in your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

A *Let us pray for our confirmands, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and throughout their lives remain faithful to Christ Jesus, our Lord:*

P Almighty God and Father, because you always grant growth to your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our confirmands that, recalling the new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom you adopt as your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A *Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:*

P O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A *Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of those who labor, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to you graciously come before you, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A *Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into his family, the Church:*

P Almighty and everlasting God, because you seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you, free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

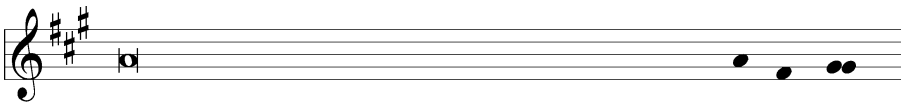
- A** *Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable to their salvation:*
- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

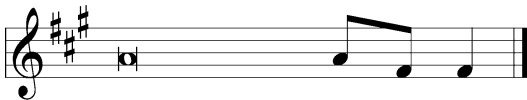
- A** *Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to his own goodwill:*
- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by your Word you created and you still continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray you so to reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may dwell in our hearts and we may by your grace be made ready to receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and those things that pertain to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

- P** Finally let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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**



- P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

(Repeated three times.)

THE REPROACHES *(with cantor)*

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people. Micah 6:3-4
- A** *Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.*

HYMN, LSB 434, stanza 1

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people. Jeremiah 2:6-7

A *Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.*

HYMN, LSB 434, stanza 2

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people. Isaiah 5:2-4

A *Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.*

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Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

The participants and worshipers leave in silence.

Participants in this Service

Senior Pastor

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Cantors

Organist

Pastor Bob Gehrke

Pastor Dan Bodin

Pastor Gehrke and Cheri Kirchhoff

Dr. Jeff Burkart

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