

# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 14, 2017

7:00 P.M.

## AS WE GATHER

Once again, note that the Liturgical color has now changed to black. Good Friday, or as it is sometimes called, Black Friday calls for a sober and honest reflection on the cost of our redemption. Without Christ's sacrifice on the day the sky turned dark and hid the light of the sun, there would be no bright Light of Christ to live in, nor new life in Christ to enjoy. Are you facing a "Good Friday" in your life? Know with confidence that God can take it and make a "Resurrection Day" for you. As Paul said in Romans 8:28, He can use anything for His glory and our good. Praise God!

## ABOUT TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Today's Good Friday service is a continuation of the service begun on Maundy Thursday. Today we contemplate how terribly difficult it was for our Savior and King, Jesus, to carry out the demands of His office. Despite betrayal, denial, injustice, and torture, Christ steadfastly moved forward to His death. In so doing He gained for us, through the forgiveness of our sin, citizenship in His kingdom. We also remember that our own sins, which, like nails, have placed Jesus on the cross, have been forgiven because of Jesus' death. *Tenebrae*, which means darkness, lends its name to this service, because as our worship progresses, candles and lights will give way to the darkness that points to that first Good Friday. With Easter the Light returns with unfettered joy.

**OFFERING:** Due to the somber nature of worship on Good Friday, there is no place designated for an offering in the service. However, there is an offering plate in the back of the church where you may place your offering when you arrive or as you leave.

## ↑THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

*The congregation stands as the bells call us to worship. We observe the silence of mourners as we gather to witness the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

## ↑INVOCATION AND RESPONSORY *Lamentations 1:12-13*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: “Look, O Lord, and consider.

**C: for I am despised.**

P: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

**C: Look around and see.**

P: Is any suffering like My suffering

**C: That was inflicted upon me,**

P: That the Lord has brought on Me

**C: in the day of His fierce anger?**

P: From on high He sent fire,

**C: sent it down into My bones.**

P: He spread a net for My feet

**C: and turned Me back.**

P: He made me desolate,

**C: and faint all the day long.”**

*As the cross is slowly brought before the altar we turn to face the cross and say the following Sentences and Responses. The first as the procession begins, the second time as the procession is halfway to the altar, the third time as the procession ends in front of the altar.*

## ↑PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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## ↑SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come; where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↑ENACTED CONFESSION

P: Although the Jewish leaders and Romans involved in the events of Christ's crucifixion may have physically wounded and killed Jesus, each one of us has wounded and killed him because of our sins. So tonight, instead of speaking the words of confession and absolution, the congregation is invited to come forward to nail their sins to the cross while hymn 439 is played softly in the background. We come sorrowful for what our sin has done, but confident that all our sins are nailed to the cross and Christ's death is the full payment.

## ↑PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him, that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ↓OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 52:13-53:12

P: The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—<sup>15</sup>so 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.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He 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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his

wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

↓ **HYMN OF THE DAY** #451 – *“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”*

↓ **GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION**

**Title: “Walking With Jesus to Calvary”**

## ↓CHOIR ANTHEM – “Will We Ever Sing “Alleluia?”

Music by Stephen L Lawrence; Words by Jari Houston

### ↑REPROACHES

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.

**C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

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.

**C: 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 on us.**

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.

**C: 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 on us.**

## ↓THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**HYMN** #453 vs. 1-3, “Upon the Cross Extended”

**P:** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapters 18 and 19.

**READING:** John 18:1-11; *Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

(The first candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #450, “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” vs. 1

**READING:** John 18:12-27; *Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter*

(The second candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #450, “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” vs. 2

**READING:** John 18:28-40; *Jesus before Pilate*

(The third candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #450, “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” vs. 3

**READING:** John 19:1-16a; *Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion*

(The fourth candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #450, “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” vs. 4

**↑READING:** John 19:16b-24; *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

(The fifth candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #456, “Were You There” vs. 1

**READING:** John 19:25-30; *Jesus’ Mother and His Death*

(The sixth candle is extinguished. The hammer sounds.)

**HYMN** - #456, “Were You There” vs. 2

**READING:** John 19:31-42; *Jesus’ Side Is Pierced*

**HYMN** - #456, “Were You There” vs. 3

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**      (*whispered by all*)

**THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CLOSING OF TOMB AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL**

*The harsh noise, traditionally called the strepitus, signifies the closing of Jesus’ tomb. The bell tolls to announce the death of Jesus. We depart in silence. We are left in the darkness of Jesus’ death until we return to His empty tomb on Sunday morning.*



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**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP:**

**Easter Worship, with Communion, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Easter Breakfast, 8:30 –10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

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Rev. Emil Gretarsson

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