

Order of Worship
Good Friday Service
March 29, 2024

Prelude

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

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

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

People: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 52:13, 53:3-5 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us/How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son/To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss/The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One/Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross/My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice/Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there/Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life/I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything/No gifts no pow'r no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ/His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward/I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart/His wounds have paid my ransom.

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" | Stuart Townend
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Scripture Reading: The Trial of Jesus *Matt. 27:11-31*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded with grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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Scripture Reading: The Crucifixion of Jesus *Matt. 27:32-44*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus/I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock/Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness/A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat/And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus/Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One/Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears/Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love/And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow/For my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than/The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by/To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame/My glory, all the cross.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" | Christopher Miner | Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane

Scripture Reading: The Death of Jesus *Matt. 27:45-56*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Pastor: Forgive us O Lord! Forgive us! For we have sinned against Your grace.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- everyone--to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6 ESV)

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. (Psalm 51:3-4 ESV)

People: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:5 ESV)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)

Special Offering for Deacons Benevolence Fund

Offertory

"The Power of the Cross"

Homily

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"Jesus, the King! A Servant King"

Matthew 27:32-56

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Song of Preparation

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin/Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again/Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

*Chorus: O precious is the flow/That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know/Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 25

Pastor: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

ALL: Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so we can take them individually and corporately. Please feel free to pray, sing or quietly meditate as the elements are passed. Gluten-free bread is available, please let the elders know as they pass the bread. Children and guests who have not made a personal profession of faith in Christ and have not become a communing member of this (or some other) church are welcome to stay and watch but please do not partake. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this/O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this/That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down/Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down/Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb/I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb/Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme/I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free/I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free/I'll sing and joyful be
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

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Song of Response

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

"Man of Sorrows," what a name/For the Son of God who came.
Ruined sinners to reclaim/Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude/In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood/Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we/Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement—can it be/Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die/"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high/Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King/All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing/Hallelujah! what a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name" | Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss

Benediction

Depart in Silence

Please join us Resurrection Day!

*1st Worship Service at 8:30 am
Easter Brunch in the Family Life Center at 9:45 am
2nd Worship Service at 11:00 am*

Flower the Cross

*We will continue the tradition of decorating a large cross on Easter morning in front of the Family Life Center. Please bring cut flowers from your yard, or that you purchase, to **Flower-the-Cross!** This will be a beautiful symbol to remind us of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and to show the beauty of the cross to our congregation and our neighbors. Please bring flowers before the Easter Service that you attend and simply put them in the cross. As you participate in this tradition with your family, remember and perhaps recite the wonderful truth from Matthew 27:32-56.*

Deacon's Benevolence Fund

The Deacon's Benevolence Fund supports our missions and benevolence ministry assisting our members in times of need, and from time to time, people and groups outside our congregation with special or emergency needs.

The Power of the Cross

*Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day/Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men and beaten then/Nailed to a cross of wood.*

*Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross/Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath/We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Oh to see the pain written on Your face/Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed/Crowning Your bloodstained brow (Chorus)*

*Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath/Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life/Finished the vict'ry cry. (Chorus)*

*Oh to see my name written in the wounds/For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live/Won through Your selfless love. (Chorus)*

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