

GOOD FRIDAY
“It Happened at Golgotha”
April 2, 2021
6:30 PM

WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

INVOCATION

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Let us ever walk with Jesus.
- C** To see the depths of His love.
- P** To behold the gift of His forgiveness.
- C** To gaze upon the heights of His grace.
- P** To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.
- C** We walk with Jesus to Golgotha.
- P** That's Aramaic for The Place of the Skull.
- C** That's where Jesus gave us His all.
- P** Faithful Lord, with me abide.
- C** I shall follow where You guide!

OPENING HYMN “Stricken Smitten and Afflicted” LSB 451

ALL: Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

SOLO: *Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.*

SOLO: *Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.*

ALL: Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

CONFESSION

- P** Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the agony of Your rejection, the pain of Your condemnation, and the horror of Your crucifixion.
- C** **Empower us to walk where You walked and to the people You encountered on that Friday so long ago.**
- P** Stay with us, Lord, as we witness Your suffering and listen to Your last words of love.
- C** **As we approach Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against Your holy commandments.**
- P** Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from You in our thinking, speaking and doing.
- C** **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**
- P** We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.
- C** **O God, we have tried to hide from You and from one another.**
- P** We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.
- C** **We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**
- P** We can only say—
- C** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

REFLECTING ON OUR SINS

HYMN "Lamb of God" by Reim. Octet

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world
With Your stripes we are healed.
The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all.
Have mercy, The chastisement of our peace was upon You.
You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.
You were despised and we esteemed You not.
Grant us peace, Lord grant us peace.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, O Lamb of God.
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace Grant us peace.*

FORGIVENESS

- P** Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!
- C** **I shall follow where You guide!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, graciously behold Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READINGIsaiah 50:4-10

- R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 50th Chapter of Isaiah.
- R** The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who will declare Me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (ESV)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Galatians 3:10-14

R The Epistle Reading is from the 3rd Chapter of Galatians.

R For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God..**

VERSE “Return to the Lord” LSB 157

C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 27:45-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This Man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 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!”

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB 611, vs. 1, 2

SOLO: Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

ALL: Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

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ANTHEM "Arise My Soul, Arise" by Dan Forrest Ensemble

*Arise my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die,"*

*My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise my soul arise. And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise my soul, arise.*

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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.

REMOVAL OF CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM "Were You There" Soloist, Theron Jenkins

STREPITUS

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