



**Good Friday**

March 29, 2024

7:00pm  
Worship Service

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*Tonight we gather to remember, to recall the light of Christ's life and the depths of his love, to ponder the suffering he endured as we journey through the growing darkness to the foot of the cross. Tonight as we remember Calvary we worship Christ who willingly gave his life for our sins.*

*All gather in silence.*

*The candles are lit for the Tenebrae Service of darkness and light.*

Prelude.....“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” ..... *Rouse*

Prayer of the Night

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Tonight we gather to remember what was accomplished on the cross.

**The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Tonight we remember the circumstances that led Jesus to the cross.

**The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Tonight we remember the love that kept Jesus on the cross.

**The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Tonight we remember the redemption given through the cross.

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Almighty God, look with mercy upon your children for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to redeem. Just as you grace us with your presence in all our trials and afflictions, may we too reflect your grace in this hurtful world you still so love.

**Amen.**

Psalm 22:1-8

1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

**2 My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;  
by night, but I | find no rest.**

3 Yet you are the | Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**4 Our ancestors put their | trust in you,  
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**

5 They cried out to you and | were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**6 But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

7 All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**8 "Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."**

Psalm Prayer

Eternal God, your Son cried out in anguish from the cross, and you delivered him. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you. By his death and resurrection bring life where there is death: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of oppression, that all people may rejoice in your saving deeds through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Choir.....“I Come to the Cross”.....*Batstone & Somma*

Hymn Response..... “Near the Cross” .....*Doane*



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre-cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal-v'ry's moun-tain.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad-ows o'er me.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo- ry ev - er;



till my ran-somed soul shall find rest be-yond the riv - er.

From his birth in Bethlehem to his final breath on Calvary, Christ’s days were spent fulfilling God’s plan – leading his disciples, teaching, performing miracles, and sharing the promise of eternal life. Tonight, as we reflect on the events surrounding his death, let us not forget the impact of his life.

Choir..... “We Remember “ .....*Raney*  
(with “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”)

**2. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us, was born into this world in the town of Bethlehem, which is Hebrew for, House of Bread. Jesus multiplied loaves of bread, used bread in his teaching about heaven, and as we recall last night and every Sunday, he broke bread with the words “this is my body, given for you.”

Choir ..... “Bread of Life” ..... *Raney*

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." (Mark 14:23-25)

Hymn..... “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ..... *Palmer/Mason*

**1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away; O let me from  
this day be wholly thine!**

**2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting  
heart, my zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee, pure, warm  
and changeless be, a living fire!**

*The first candle is extinguished.*

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

<sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same. (Mark 14:26-31)

Anthem..... “Restore In Us, O God” ..... *Organ*  
*(Instrumental)*

*The second candle is extinguished.*

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." (Mark 14:32-26)

Choir ..... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" ..... *Pollard*

<sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." (Mark 14:41-42)

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being, absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see.  
Christ only always, living in me!**

*The third candle is extinguished*

<sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled. (Mark 14:50)

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. (Mark 50:1-15)

Hymn..... “The Old Rugged Cross..... *Bennard*

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it someday for a crown.**

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

A trio of crosses stood at the place called The Skull. With a criminal on either side, Jesus hung in the center – tortured, deserted, dying. One of the criminals asked Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, why don't you save yourself and us?” But the other rebuked him and then looked at Jesus and said, “Surely, you are the Son of God...remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

Choir ..... “Lord, Remember Me” ..... *Raney*  
(with, “Just As I Am”)

**Just as I am without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me, come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:33-41)

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced of our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:2-5)

***The sixth candle is extinguished.***

Anthem ..... “Were You There” ..... *Hopson*

***The seventh candle is extinguished.***

***The Congregation is welcome to remain in the Sanctuary  
for prayer or leave in silence.***

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