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Good Friday

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Procession of the Cross

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Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

♪ On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame;

And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

~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 some day for a crown.

♪ O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. ~So I'll...

♪ In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see;

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me. ~So I'll...

♪ To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share. ~So....

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Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:3

A Time of Silence

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Admonition to Communicants

Words of Our Lord

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“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.
- ♪ How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn! Grim death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life; Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
- ♪ 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, And grant to me Thy grace.
- ♪ My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine. Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love; Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.
- ♪ 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 for Thee.
- ♪ My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door; Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore! When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!
- ♪ Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die; Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh. Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell, My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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The Prayer

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, on the cross Your Son experienced the forsakenness we deserved because of our sins. Grant that we ever hold firm the faith that because He took our place, by Your abounding grace, we are now Your sons and daughters; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so 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.

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For 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.

³He 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.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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?

⁹And 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.

¹⁰Yet 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.

¹¹Out 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

Reproaches

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Gradual Hymn

“Were You There”

- ♪ Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- ♪ Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
- ♪ Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
- ♪ Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh... Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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Holy Gospel

Luke 23:32–46

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

The Hymn

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” (vv. 1-5; 15)

- ♪ O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark transgression?
- ♪ They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
- ♪ Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.
- ♪ What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know Him.
- ♪ The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- ♪ And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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After the hymn, all lights are out in the sanctuary, to symbolize our sin and the darkness of death.

Proclamation of the Word

“Technically It’s True But False Intentions”

Luke 23:32–46

Prayer of the Church

Seven Words *After each reading and prayer, a candle is extinguished.*

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” *Luke 23:34*

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” *Luke 23:43*

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. *John 19:26-27*

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” *Mark 15:34*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” *John 19:28*

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:30*

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. *Luke 23:46*

The Christ candle is carried out of the sanctuary symbolizing Jesus’ burial.

The Strepitus *The loud slamming of the book symbolizes the sealing of Jesus’ tomb.*

Lord’s Prayer *is spoken softly.*

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.

The Benediction is omitted. Our worship continues Easter Sunday Morning. All leave in silence.

Door Offering *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*