

GOOD FRIDAY ORDER (Gilbert)

APRIL 7, 2023

7PM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This" (ELW 666)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

C: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and redeems us from sin and death.

Please Be Seated

READING: *"Jesus is Condemned to Death"*

It is Friday early in the morning. Jesus was brought from Caiaphas the High Priest to Pontius Pilate, the Governor, on charges of treason. Pilate sat on the judge's bench and asked the crowd, "Shall I crucify your King?"

EXTINGUISH THE 1st CANDLE

HYMN:

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (ELW 351)



- 1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
- 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
- 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
- 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

READING: *"Jesus Accepts His Cross"*

A heavy cross is thrust into Jesus' arms. He is ordered to carry it to the site of His execution. Jesus accepts the cross. Carrying it by himself, he goes out to the Place of the Skull Golgotha - to be crucified with two other men. He went out carrying his cross....beaten, mocked, bleeding, carrying the burden that he did not earn. Without a word. In silence.

EXTINGUISH THE 2ND CANDLE

Please stand

CROSS COMES TO THE FRONT

PROCESSION

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

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READING: *"Jesus Falls the First Time and Simon Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry the Cross"*

The cross is heavy and the road to Golgotha the place of death is long. Jesus, weary from lack of sleep, loneliness, fear, and the beatings he received slumps to the ground. Soldiers quickly drag him to his feet again. All around Jesus are those who take delight in his misery. They are intent, in the name of God, to do this evil. Jesus faltered under the load. The soldiers feared that he might die along the way. They seized Simon of Cyrene, put the cross on his shoulders as he stood behind Jesus and made him shoulder the load.

EXTINGUISH THE 3rd CANDLE

HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross" (On a Hill Far Away)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

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.

Oh, 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. *Refrain*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958

READING *"Jesus Falls the Second Time"*

Jesus fell again, despite the help of the Cyrene. He lay sprawled in the dirt, sweat beading on his face, mingling with the blood from the cuts on his forehead and the dust of those well-traveled streets. The soldiers, impatient and anxious to be finished, roughly dragged him to his feet again, cursing him.

EXTINGUISH THE 4th CANDLE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "What Man is This" – Chancel Choir & Christine Soll

READING: *"Jesus is Stripped of His Garments"*

Finally they arrived at the God-forsaken place where Jesus was to be crucified. People dumped their garbage very near the place known as Golgatha. Hurriedly, roughly, his clothes are stripped from his back leaving him naked in front of the crowd naked, exhausted and humiliated. There was nothing left him as a man.

SERMON

HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?" (ELW 337)



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

READING: *"Jesus is Nailed to the Cross"*

Roughly, contemptuously, the soldiers thrust Jesus down onto his cross. Holding him down some sit on him they pounded the nails through his hands and feet. After he was lifted up, the soldiers threw dice for his clothing, laughing at their game as life of an innocent man drained just a few feet away.

EXTINGUISH THE 5th CANDLE

HYMN

"Were You There" (ELW 353 verses 1 & 2)

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?

READING: *"Jesus Dies on the Cross"*

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

EXTINUGISH THE 6th CANDLE

HYMN

"Were You There" (ELW 353 verses 3 & 4)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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?

TURN OFF THE READING LIGHT

Jesus is dead...

THE BIBLE IS DROPPED

The tomb is sealed...

EXTINGUISH THE 7TH CANDLE – TOTAL DARKNESS

It is finished.



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