

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

7:00 pm, April 7th, 2023

Good Friday Service



Please take a communion combo cup and quietly take a seat in the sanctuary.

Call to Worship: Congregation say together

On this most solemn of days we gather for worship.

Jesus, lead us from the darkness of Gethsemane, to the bare courtyard and its soldiers.

Draw us from Pilate's palace and its crowds, through the streets of Jerusalem.

Bring us to a lonely hillside where the lamb of God waits for us.

We would follow you, Jesus, on this, your day of suffering.

Introduction:

Christ goes to the cross to face the hostility of mankind, to suffer separation from his Heavenly Father because of our sin, to die the death of a criminal even though he was innocent – and we are guilty.

Hymn#176:

“Lead Me To Calvary”

Verse 1

King of my life I crown Thee now
Thine shall the glory be
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow
Lead me to Calvary

Verse 2

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid
Tenderly mourned and wept
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept

Verse 3

Let me like Mary through the gloom
Come with a gift to Thee
Show to me now the empty tomb
Lead me to Calvary

Verse 4

May I be willing Lord to bear
Daily my cross for Thee
Even Thy cup of grief to share
Thou hast borne all for me

Chorus

Lest I forget Gethsemane
Lest I forget Thine agony
Lest I forget Thy love for me
Lead me to Calvary

Reflection:

Let us hear the Gospel. Let us be drawn to the One who died for us. Let us remember the depth of love the Lord has for each one of us and for the whole world. Today, we journey from Gethsemane to Calvary.

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 26:36-39*

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Choir: *"Alone He Prays"*

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 26:40-42*

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

Choir: *"Thy Will Be Done"*

Meditation: *For You and Me*

Choir: *"Father, Forgive Them"*

Mark 15:12-13, 15; Mark 15:16-19; Mark 15:20, 22; Mark 15:24, 29-30; Mark 15:37

Response:

How shall we respond? We come longing for assurance, acceptance, and renewal. And the cross is the place of hope, the place of forgiveness, the place where we can be reconciled to God. For, as the Scripture says in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

God of all sorrows, you endured human rejection, even to the death of your own Son. Put the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus, that we may walk his path of obedient love. In his name we pray:

Congregation: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.*

Quiet

Hymn# 211:

“O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus”

Verse 1

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above

Verse 2

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loveth, ever loveth
Changeth never, nevermore
How he watches o'er his loved ones
Died to call them all his own
How for them he intercedeth
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

Verse 3

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of ev'ry love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee
O the deep, deep love of Jesus

Communion

(Received in Silence)

Prayer

Hymn#185:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Verse 3

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction:

We have seen our Saviour in chains.
We have seen him crucified.
We have heard his cries
and witnessed his suffering and death.
It is finished.
Go from this solemn service remembering
all that Christ did for you. Amen.

All leave in complete silence down centre aisle.

*April 9th, Easter Sunday Celebration
at 9:30 and 11:15 am*

