



GOOD FRIDAY  
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
APRIL 14, 2017

*We enter and remain in silence. Our liturgy continues from last evening's stripping of the altar. On this night the church gathers to hear the proclamation of Christ's passion, to pray for the life of the world, and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The ancient title for this day-"The Triumph of the Cross"-reminds us of the tree on which hung our salvation. This service is a time of reflection and adoration of Christ, with a note of triumph as we celebrate our Lord's sacrifice.*

**SILENCE & MEDITATION**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**THE SUFFERING SERVANT SONG FROM ISAIAH 53**

Who has believed what we have heard?

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

**For 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

And as one from whom others hide their faces

**Surely he has borne our infirmities, and carried our diseases;**

**Yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

**All we like sheep have gone astray;**

**We have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Let us pray. Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**JOHN 19:1-42 AND THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, ‘Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.’ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.’ The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.’

 **FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO**

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’ Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’ From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’

 **WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON ... BEHOLD THY MOTHER**

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, ‘Here is your King!’ They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but the emperor.’ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’

 **TODAY, YOU SHALL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE**

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.’ This was to fulfill what the scripture says, ‘They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.’ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.



**I THIRST**

Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘None of his bones shall be broken.’ And again another passage of scripture says, ‘They will look on the one whom they have pierced.’



**IT IS FINISHED**

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.



**FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT**

*(Let us silently reflect upon the passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ)*

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN ..... LBW # 296..... “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”**

**OUR PREPARATION**

God commanded His love toward us. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

Beneath the cross of our Lord this night, let us confess the sins that nailed Him to the tree, and implore His mercy and His pardon.

**OUR CONFESSION OF SINS**

**O most mighty and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people, and hates nothing that You have made; who wills not the death of sinners, but that they should turn from their sins and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your will is always to have mercy. Spare us, therefore, good Lord. Spare your people whom You have redeemed. Enter not into judgment with Your servants who acknowledge their sins, and truly forgive us of our sins; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may live with You in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OUR ABSOLUTION**

The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, loose you from your sins by His blood: for the sake of His wounds, pardon all your transgressions; and by His stripes grant you healing both of body and mind.

**Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM ..... “No, Never Alone”**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

*(After each petition, we respond ... O God of our salvation, **Have mercy and hear us.**)*

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Now the peace of God who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN ..... LBW # 117 ..... “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ..... “Chain-Breaker”**

**SILENT RECESSIONAL**

- + *The congregation follows the Christ Candle and the youth outside.*
- + *We leave the sanctuary in complete silence until outside of the church.*
- + *And we return Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.*

**Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior!**

Easter Sunrise Eucharist	7:30 a.m.
Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship	11:00 a.m.