

GOOD FRIDAY

April 6, 2012

1:00 & 6:00pm

AS WE GATHER

This is a service of meditation and reflection, commemorating what is the most solemn day of the Church Year. Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows” during which we hear and reflect on each of Jesus’ seven last words from the cross. Most of the service is simple and austere. There is little movement in the chancel. The service ends in silence.

1:00 ANTHEM

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Choir

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Stanza 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Stanza 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that He might draw the whole world to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our salvation may also glory in His call to take up our cross and follow Him; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Stanzas 3 & 4)

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?

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

(Please be seated)

OFFERING (*The offering is gathered in silence.*) As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

OFFERING PRAYER

+ THE FIRST WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: God did not spare His own Son,

People: but gave Him up for us all.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:3* He 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. *Luke 23:33-34* And 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. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O innocent Jesus, by false witness and lies you were condemned to death, but by your true witness you showed us the way of life. Make us to remember how our sins and evil words and thoughts condemn us, and let us not be found false and faithless on the day when God holds court.

People: Amen.

HYMN #440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

REFLECTION (*The first candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE SECOND WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me

People: cannot be My disciple.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:4* Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. *Luke 23:38-43* There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man

has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Grant us grace to bear whatever cross may be ours to carry; and grant that by your cross the world may be crucified to us and we to the world, and that through your cross and passion we may gain life everlasting.

People: Amen.

HYMN #767 "Jesus, Remember Me" *(sung twice)*

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

REFLECTION (*The second candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE THIRD WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: The Lord has laid on Him the guilt of us all.

People: He was smitten for the people's transgressions.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:5* But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. *John 19:25-27* But standing by 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 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, you have said: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Grant that, as you bore your cross willingly for love of us, we

may bear our cross for the love of you. Give us grace in every trial and temptation, and save us by your cross and passion.

People: Amen.

HYMN #451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

REFLECTION (*The third candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE FOURTH WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Those who sow in tears

People: shall reap with shouts of joy.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:6* All 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.

Mark 15:33-34 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 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?"

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us a new and contrite heart, that we, lamenting our sins and holding to your mercy, may receive full forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN #456

"Were You There"

(Men)

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?

(Women)

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?

REFLECTION (*The fourth candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE FIFTH WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: They have pierced My hands and feet.

People: I can count all My bones; they stare and gloat over Me.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:10* Yet 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. *John 19:28* After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, nailed to the cross for us, crucify in us all that is evil. With your precious blood cleanse us from all our sins, renew a right spirit within us, and strengthen our hearts to forgive.

People: Amen.

HYMN #450

"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. *continued*

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.

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.

REFLECTION (*The fifth candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE SIXTH WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Surely He has borne our griefs

People: and carried our sorrows.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:11* Out 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. *John 19:29-30* A jar full of
sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop
branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He
said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and loving Father, as you listened to your
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the midst of His agony and suffering,
so hear the cries of your people and teach us in all humility and
obedience to call on you in all our needs, trusting that you will
never leave us nor forsake us.

People: Amen.

HYMN #452 "O Perfect Life of Love"

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.

No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.

continued

In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

REFLECTION (*The sixth candle is extinguished.*)

+ THE SEVENTH WORD +

SENTENCES

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

People: by your cross and precious death you have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Christ, for our sake, became obedient to the point of death,

People: even death on a cross.

SCRIPTURE

Lector: *Isaiah 53:12b* 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. *Luke 23:46* 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, out of tender love
toward your creation, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to
become our flesh and to suffer death on the cross. Mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be
made partakers of His resurrection.

People: Amen.

1:00 CHOIR ANTHEM "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" *Choir*

REFLECTION (*The seventh candle is extinguished.*)

(The paschal candle is removed to signify the death and burial of Jesus and a
noise is heard signifying the closing of the tomb and the sealing of the stone.)

(Whispered)

LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION *(Please exit in silence.)*

Preacher	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lectors	Manley Hurst, John Ficken
Acolyte	Meghan Klement
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller
Choir Director	Jan Schneider

Easter Celebration

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am