

GOOD FRIDAY

A Lenten Journey with Joseph

Forgiveness Finished

April 15, 2022

1:00 & 6:00pm

(Pastors enter in silence)

HYMN #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” Sts. 1, 5

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?

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.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In this Lenten season, we have journeyed through the Passion of the Christ

People: and now come close to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

HYMN #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” St. 6

There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin’s poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.

PSALM *Psalms 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,

People: nor discipline me in your wrath!

Pastor: For your arrows have sunk into me,

People: and your hand has come down on me.

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;

People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity;

People: I am sorry for my sin.

Pastor: Make haste to help me,

People: O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sins carried by Christ to the cross.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the evil of a fallen creation, the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

People: As we approach the cross on Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your will and ways.

Pastor: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

People: We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.

Pastor: We have not loved you with our whole heart,

People: and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: We often fail to see the good you work at your time and in your way, even amid the evil around us.

People: Our faith suffers in doubt, and we lose our trust in you.

Pastor: We can only say:

People: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

HYMN #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” St. 11

But since my strength will nevermore suffice me

To crucify desires that still entice me,

To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!

Pastor: Even on a somber night with broken and contrite hearts and evil actions recalled, know and hear the Good News! Foreshadowed by Joseph and saints of old, Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised and written since the fall into sin. By His miraculous birth, perfect life, suffering, and sacrificial death, He has taken every sin upon Himself and brought them to the cross for you. For His sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” Sts.12–13

I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor Henceforth forever.

Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me Nor death alarm me.

✠ **WORD** ✠

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Genesis 50:15-21* (You meant it for evil but God meant it for good) ¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please

forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Isaiah 52:13—53:12* (The suffering and glory of the Servant) 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. Who 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 23:44-56* (The crucifixion and death of Jesus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. ⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN #429 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" Tune: Rockingham Old

We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, "God is love."
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings u mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.

To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.

SERMON "Evil Friday is also Good Friday"

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People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our fellowship folder 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 folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we are torn by so many conflicting thoughts and feelings on this holy night. We grieve our Savior's suffering and death and feel shame in the knowledge that our sin made His death necessary. We repent, Father, of our sin. Ease our grief and remove our shame. What was meant for evil, you made good. We are forgiven.

People: It is finished.

Pastor: Amid sadness, Father, you bring us infinite joy and gladness. Though He could have called down a legion of angels to rescue, it is because of Jesus' complete and all-surpassing sacrifice that we can be forgiven. It was because of His love that we can be restored to your good plans. It was because of His suffering and death that we have your mercy. Lord, what we can understand of Jesus' sacrifice overwhelms us with amazement. Yet we cannot begin to grasp the extent of the ordeal He endured when the world's sin separated Him from you. Instill in us awe and wonder at His incredible love for us. What was meant for evil, you made good. We are forgiven.

People: It is finished.

Pastor: Father, teach us to hear well the clear message of your love for us that we may live as your people every day. Through Jesus' separation from you on the cross, we have been restored. Through His shame, our shame is removed. Through His condemnation as the wages of sin, we have been freed. What was meant for evil, you made good. We are forgiven.

People: It is finished.

Pastor: Father, while we delight in the wonder and mystery of this holy night and rejoice in the grace won for us on the cross, the world continues in its futile and empty course, ignorant of what you have done. Give us courage and boldness to speak the truth of your story to those around us. Keep us in your care during these lonely hours and return us soon to this place to celebrate the completion of the story of your great love manifest in our Savior, Jesus. And even when the world rejects the Christian faith, make us stand firm! What was meant for evil, you made good. We are forgiven.

People: It is finished.

Pastor: We pray all these things in His holy name.

People: Amen.

THE 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.

✠ SERVICE OF DARKNESS ✠

Candles may be extinguished following each reading, preceding hymn stanzas sung.

FIRST WORD *Luke 23:32–34a* (“Father, forgive them.”)

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

³³ 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. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Pastor: God forbid that I should glory

People: except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.

Pastor: Almighty God, your dear Son, our Lord, did not go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did not enter into glory before He was crucified. Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way of His cross and find in it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN #439 “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” St. 15

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.

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND WORD *Luke 23:35–43* (“Today you will be with Me in paradise.”)

³⁵ And 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!”

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Pastor: Surely He has borne out griefs

People: and carried our sorrows.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, while you hung on the cross, you showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy, look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with you.

People: Amen.

HYMN #440 **“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”** Sts. 1, 4

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 suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.

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?

The Second candle is extinguished.

THIRD WORD *John 19:25–27* (“Behold, your son. . . . Behold, your mother.”) ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Pastor: Bind us to one another with bonds of charity and love

People: that we ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that you have showed to us through your suffering, pain, and death on the cross.

Pastor: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN #451 **“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”** Sts. 1, 3

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.

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH WORD *Matthew 27:45–47* (“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”) ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your cross and precious death, you have redeemed the World.

Pastor: Keep us mindful of your abiding presence with us

People: that our witness to the love you have shown us may never falter or fail.

Pastor: Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace. Cleanse us from all our sins, that we may serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN #449 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Sts. 1–2

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.

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.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH WORD *John 19:28–29* (“I thirst.”)

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ 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.

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Pastor: Grant us peace and patience under all trials.

People: Keep us mindful of the great sacrifice you willingly made for us to pay the price of our sins.

Pastor: O God, for our redemption, you gave your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection, you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Sts. 1, 3

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.

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?

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH WORD *John 19:29–30* (“It is finished.”)

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Pastor: Help us begin all our works of charity and love in your name

People: and find your blessing in their completion to your glory.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, you set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in your name. In your great love, you did not stop short of finishing the task given to you by your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all you intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share in your eternal presence in the world to come.

People: Amen.

HYMN #453 “Upon the Cross Extended” Sts. 1, 4, 7

Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.

I caused Your grief and sighing By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Your soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD *Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:54* (“Into Your hands I commit My spirit!”)

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

CLOSING SENTENCES *Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 53:5; John 19:30*

Pastor: In this Lenten season, we have journeyed with Joseph in Genesis

People: and now come to the cross of Christ on Calvary and His crucifixion.

Pastor: What was meant for evil,

People: God meant for good.

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Pastor: It is finished.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who gave His Son for us, facing the death we deserved and laid in the tomb, has done this for us. Even and especially on Good Friday with sadness and sorrow, be thankful—this is Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #456

“Were You There”

Sts. 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 *John 19:38–42* (The burial of Jesus)

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN #456

“Were You There”

St. 3

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?

The seventh candle is extinguished.

STREPITUS

A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb.

Silence for meditation.

The congregation exits in silence.

Worship Leader

Pastor Josh Grotelueschen

Liturgist

Pastor Harold Bender

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Easter Vigil

Saturday at 5:00pm

Easter Celebration

Sunday at 6:30, 9:00 & 11:00am