

Good Friday Worship – March 29, 2024 – 7:00 pm



The Altar Service

P [LSB 450:5] 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. Amen.

Hymn 425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Welcome and Invocation

P Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship

P Come, let us bow down in worship:

C Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter.

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together:

C Against the LORD and against his Anointed.

P Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent:

C So he opened not his mouth.

P Surely he has borne our griefs:

C And carried our sorrows.

P He was pierced for our transgressions:

C He was crushed for our iniquities.

P All we like sheep have gone astray:

C And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Passion History Reading

Chapter 7 (pp.16-18)

Three Dark Hours – Jesus Dies – No Bone Broken

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 436

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Good Friday Sermonette

Based on John 19:30

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

Theme - "It Is Finished"

Hymn

All the Burdens of the Years

Melody: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee," TLH 166

All the burdens of the years; All the want, the toil, the tears;
All the wrath man should have borne; All the tauntings and the scorn;

All the agony and pain Of the Lamb for sinners slain.
“It is finished!” ere He dies, Loud the Lord in triumph cries.

All the Law is now fulfilled; All the wrath of God is stilled;
Satan’s dreaded power is spent; Now the veil in twain is rent,
Open is for all the door To the Mercy-seat once more,
“It is finished!” ere He dies, Loud the Lord in triumph cries.

“It is finished!” blessed cry, Spoken as He turned to die.
Praise be unto Thee, dear Lord, For the comfort of this word,
For the promise it bestows Of the end of all our woes.
Finished is in Thee our strife, And begun – eternal life!

Good Friday Offering

Prayer

- P Heavenly Father, You are just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. Too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend You. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death and that we sinners deserve to be forsaken in hell.
- C Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sins and to admit our inability to make things right with You. Teach us always to look to You as our forgiving heavenly Father in Christ.**
- P Today we are reminded not only of Your justice, but also of Your love. You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him as a ransom for each one of us. For us, You abandoned Your one and only Son.
- C Comfort us with Your great love. Give us the peace that flows from the forgiveness of sins. When we feel guilty because of our sins, point us to the cross, where Jesus’ blood washed away our guilt.**
- P Lord Jesus, we thank You for paying the debt we could not pay. We are eternally grateful that You were willing to be abandoned by Your Father in order to reconcile us to Him. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and to commit our bodies and souls to His love.
- C Keep us close to You through Word and Sacrament. Make us strong by Your Spirit to commit ourselves to You and to live for You. Give us the courage to face death, knowing it is the gate to our home in heaven. Fill us with joy in knowing that full fellowship with You, the Father, and the Spirit follows our blessed end.**

P The cross was once an instrument of death and a symbol of abandonment.
Now it is sign of life and proof of everlasting friendship with God.
C **Dear Savior, we kneel at the cross in humble awe of Your great love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Passion History Reading

Chapter 7 (pp.18-19)

Jesus is Buried – The Guard

Hymn

Jesus, Grant Me This, I Pray

Melody: "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine," TLH 234

Jesus, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me; Jesus, cast me not from Thee;
Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Amen.

The Benediction



Serving Us Today
Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

All are invited to join with us again for
the celebration of Jesus' resurrection
on Easter Sunday at 9:30 am.

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