

Pre-Service Prayer: At the foot of Your cross, O Jesus, my heart is crushed with grief as I observe the suffering You had to endure because of my sins. Etch that ugly sight indelibly in my memory, so that I do not regard any sin as small or harmless. Although forgiveness is Your free gift to Me, You paid a tremendous price for that gift. If I were nailed to a cross myself, it wouldn't do me any good. My death would be only partial payment of my debt. Only You could shout, "It is finished!" I can only say, "Thank You, Jesus. Thank You from the bottom of my heart." Amen.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Opening Scripture Reading – John 19:17-30**

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “*They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

### Hymn

LSB 452 – *O Perfect Life of Love*

### Psalm 2

P: Why do the nations rage:

**C: And the people plot a vain thing?**

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

**C: Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,**

P: “Let us break Their bonds in pieces:

**C: And cast away Their cords from us.”**

P: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh:

**C: The LORD shall hold them in derision.**

P: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath:

**C: And distress them in His deep displeasure:**

P: “Yet I have set My King:

**C: On My holy hill of Zion.”**

P: “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me:

**C: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.**

P: Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance:  
**C: And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**  
P: You shall break them with a rod of iron:  
**C: You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.”**  
P: Now therefore, be wise, O kings:  
**C: Be instructed, you judges of the earth.**  
P: Serve the LORD with fear:  
**C: And rejoice with trembling.**  
P: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little:  
**C: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

### Prayer

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, the innocent Lamb of God, who carried Your cross and upon it the burden of our sins and sorrow, we implore You, enable us by Your Holy Spirit to comfort ourselves at all times in true faith with Your perfect satisfaction for our sins, to praise and glorify You for Your great love, and to bear our cross after You with patience and humility, that, having suffered with You, we may also by Your mercy be raised with You to everlasting glory, for Your holy name's sake.  
**C: Amen. (spoken)**

### Hymn

LSB 448 – *O Darkest Woe*

### Good Friday Devotions

Loving Hands Crucified for Me (Mark 15:24)

A Word of Forgiveness (Luke 23:34)

A Word of Anguish (Matthew 27:46)

No Unfinished Symphony (John 19:30)

Thoughts from a Cemetery (Matthew 27:59-60)

Devotions drawn from the devotionals: *Beside Quiet Waters* and *Together with Jesus*, by Richard Lauersdorf

### Offering

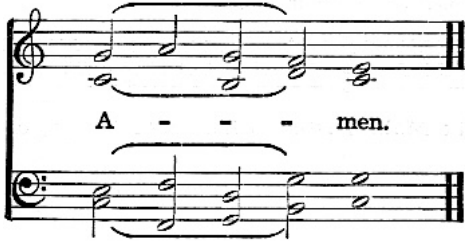
### Hymn

LSB 449 (1-3) – *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

## Prayer

P: O Lord, our Savior, we praise and bless You that You were obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and, having finished all, have become our Mediator and Redeemer. We implore You, grant that by Your death we may be crucified to the world and from now on live not for ourselves, but for You, who died for us and who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

C:



A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass staff has a bass line of quarter notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The word 'Amen' is written below the treble staff, with 'A' under the first note and 'men.' under the last three notes.

## Passion History Reading

Chapter 7 – Jesus' Burial

## Hymn

LSB 449 (4)

## Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C:



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## Serving Us Tonight

Organist Suzannah Miller

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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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