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Good Friday

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**“Father,
forgive them;
for they
know not what
they do.”**

Luke 23:34, KJV

AS WE GATHER

“Jesus Christ is the light of the world; a light no darkness can overcome.” On Good Friday Jesus Christ, the light of the world, experiences the darkness of death caused by sin and Satan. His death brings life and immortality to light. To focus on the events of Good Friday a series of candles are extinguished during the service in the ever darkening church to represent the gathering darkness of sin which hangs over the world as the life of the Son of God grows closer and closer to termination by crucifixion. As the candles are extinguished we sense the loneliness of Jesus as one by one, His friends and followers abandoned Him and fled. The last candle represents Jesus. A book is slammed shut at the end of the service to simulate the earthquake at the crucifixion, the closing of the tomb, and the tumultuous clash of God with Satan.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In the silence before the service, the worshipper's may pray to themselves the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.

OPENING HYMN

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

LSB 610

INVOCATION & PRAYER

THE HOLY TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: You shall have no other gods.

People: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Pastor: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Pastor: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: Honor your father and your mother.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Pastor: You shall not murder.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Pastor: You shall not commit adultery.

People: We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Pastor: You shall not steal.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect His possessions and income.

Pastor: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Pastor: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Pastor: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, or workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

CONFESSION

All: Oh, almighty God, these holy Ten Commandments I have not kept, but have sinned most grievously against You and Your law, and have deserved of You Your wrath and displeasure, temporal death and eternal damnation. But I am most sorry for them, and for the sake of the suffering and death of Christ, my Savior, which I this day commemorate, I beg Your forgiveness.

THE ABSOLUTION

OFFERTORY HYMN "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ *(Betrayal and arrest of Jesus)*

John 18:1-11

Reader 1: When He had finished praying, Jesus left with His disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and He and His disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them,

Reader 2: "Who is it you want?"

People: "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

Reader 2: "I am He," Jesus said.

Reader 1: (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them,

Reader 2: "Who is it you want?"

People: And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Reader 2: "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go."

Reader 1: This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those You gave Me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was

Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter,

Reader 2: "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?"

KYRIE

All: Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

{The first candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451

READING FROM THE PASSION

John 18:12-27

(Jesus before the High Priest and the denial of Peter)

Reader 1: Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

People: "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

Reader 1: It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

Reader 2: "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard Me. Surely they know what I said."

Reader 1: When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck Him in the face.

People: "Is this the way You answer the high priest?" he demanded.

Reader 2: "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike Me?"

Reader 1: Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked,

People: "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."

Reader 1: One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him,

People: "Didn't I see you with Him in the olive grove?"

Reader 1: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

{The second candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450 vs. 1-4

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ (Jesus before Pilate)

John 18:28-40

Reader 1: Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked,

Reader 3: "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

People: "If He were not a criminal we would not have handed Him over to you."

Reader 3: Pilate said, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law."

People: "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected.

Reader 1: This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death He was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him,

Reader 3: "Are You the king of the Jews?"

Reader 2: "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

Reader 3: "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"

Reader 2: Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place."

Reader 3: "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Reader 2: Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

Reader 3: "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

Reader 1: With this he went out again to the Jews and said,

Reader 3: "I find no basis for a charge against Him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release the king of the Jews?" "

People: They shouted back, "No, not Him! Give us Barabbas!"

{The third candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450 vs.5-7

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ (Jesus prepared for crucifixion)

John 19:1-16a

Reader 1: Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying,

People: "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face.

Reader 1: Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews,

Reader 3: "Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him."

Reader 1: When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them,

Reader 3: "Here is the man!"

Reader 1: As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted,

People: "Crucify! Crucify!"

Reader 1: But Pilate answered,

Reader 3: "You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him."

Reader 1: The Jews insisted,

People: "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God."

Reader 1: When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace.

Reader 3: "Where do You come from?"

Reader 1: He asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

Reader 3: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?"

Reader 2: Jesus answered, "You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

Reader 1: From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting,

People: "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

Reader 1: When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

Reader 3: "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

People: But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!"

Reader 3: "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

People: "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Reader 1: Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

{The fourth candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB 453 vs.1-4

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ (*The crucifixion of Jesus*)

John 19:16b-24

Reader 1: So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others---one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read:

Reader 3: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Reader 1: Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

People: "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Reader 3: Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Reader 1: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

People: "Let's not tear it, let's decide by lot who will get it."

Reader 1: This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

People: "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."

Reader 1: So this is what the soldiers did.

{The fifth candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"Were You There"

LSB 456

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ (*Jesus' mother and His death*)

John 19:25-30

Reader 1: Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to his mother,

Reader 2: "Dear woman, here is your son,"

Reader 1: and to the disciple,

Reader 2: "Here is your mother."

Reader 1: From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

Reader 2: "I am thirsty."

Reader 1: A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said,

Reader 2: "It is finished."

Reader 1: With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

{The sixth candle is extinguished}

SERMON

"Willing All This I Suffer"

John 19:17-18

HYMN

"O Darkest Woe"

LSB 448

READING FROM THE PASSION ~ (*Jesus' side is pierced.*)

John 19:31-37

Reader 1: Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the

truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:

People: "Not one of His bones will be broken,"

Reader 1: and, as another scripture says,

People: "They will look on the one they have pierced."

{The seventh candle is extinguished}

HYMN

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB 434

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.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS REMOVED

PRAYER

THE STREPITUS ~ (A loud noise symbolizing the stone rolled in front of the tomb)

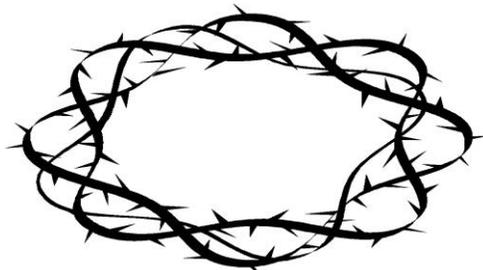
THE RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PARTING

(You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. Please join us for our 9am Easter Sunday service via Live Stream.)

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