

✠ GOOD FRIDAY ✠

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TRIDUUM

THE THREE HOLY DAYS

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom, called the *Triduum* (Latin for “three days,” referring to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The Triduum services are closely connected, and considered a single service that extends over the course of this three day period. On these days we focus on Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection – the chief events of Christ’s life, and the foundation of our saving faith.

GOOD FRIDAY

The second day of the Triduum is Good Friday. Today, we observe the anniversary of Jesus’ crucifixion. The term *Good Friday* probably came from the term ‘God’s Friday,’ just as ‘*good-bye*’ comes from ‘God be with ye.’ This day is sometimes referred to as ‘Black Friday.’ It is the most solemn day of the Church Year.

It is the most somber of all days because on it our Lord was murdered; worse yet, it was our fault. Our sins pounded the nails into his hands and feet. Yet, for centuries we have called this day “good.” Only those who have died with Christ to sin know that that this foolish cross is how our hidden God is revealed. At that moment of grotesque humiliation is our God both just (punishing the sin of mankind) and merciful (releasing mankind from that very punishment).

This emotional roller coaster is played out during the ancient Service of the Cross of Christ. As we slowly and deliberately ponder the utter depravity of humanity, we see the pain of our Savior. Then, and only then, do we feel the great relief of the coming resurrection. Good Friday is not a funeral service for Jesus, but a celebration of the Lamb and his sacrifice. Through his death comes an eternal victory over life.

GOOD FRIDAY

Thursday - April 10, 2020



Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

Darkness descended on the world that day as God draped Creation in the gloom of mourning. The Light of the world was flickering out. The great Prince of the heavenly kingdom was dying. Though guiltless, he was tortured and cursed; though innocent, he died among criminals.

All of human history hinges on this day. Humbling himself before the will of the Father and the blood-thirst of men, the Son of God is slaughtered. Even worse than a shameful death, the Father must reject his own Son since he bears the sin of the world. Who could ever call this day “good?” Only those who know the truth of the cross and the new life Jesus’ death brings to believers. The horror of what our sins caused can only be overcome by the peace Jesus’ divine love has brought. “It is finished,” and eternal life is ours.

“Sing my tongue the glorious battle; sing the ending of the fray. Now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay. Tell how Christ, the world’s Redeemer, as a victim won the day.”

✝ SERVICE OF DARKNESS ✝

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

Personal Prayer before Worship

O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

* *The Tenebrae candles are lit.*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:17-30

M: A reading from the Gospel of St. John, chapter 19.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ 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.

²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 2

M: (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: And the peoples plot in vain?

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: "Let us break their chains," they say,

C: "And throw off their fetters."

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: The Lord scoffs at them.

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: The ends of the earth your possession.

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

M: Serve the LORD with fear

C: And rejoice with trembling.

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

M: *(Antiphon)* The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

** The first candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22:1-21

M: *(Antiphon)* They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

M: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: By night, and am not silent.

M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

C: You are the praise of Israel.

M: In you our fathers put their trust;

C: They trusted and you delivered them.

M: They cried to you and were saved;

C: In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

M: But I am a worm and not a man,

C: Scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me;

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads:

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;

C: You made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

M: From birth I was cast upon you;

C: From my mother's womb you have been my God.

M: Do not be far from me,

C: For trouble is near and there is no one to help.

M: Many bulls surround me;

C: Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

M: Roaring lions tearing their prey

C: Open their mouths wide against me.

M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: You lay me in the dust of death.

M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

C: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

M: I can count all my bones;

C: People stare and gloat over me.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

M: Deliver my life from the sword,

C: My precious life from the power of the dogs.

M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: Save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

M: *(Antiphon)* They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

** The second candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 27

M: *(Antiphon)* False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,

C: When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

C: Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

M: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

C: Your face, LORD, I will seek.

M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

C: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: The LORD will receive me.

M: Teach me your way, O LORD;

C: Lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

C: For false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

M: (*Antiphon*) False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

** The third candle is extinguished.*

QUAERITE DOMINUM – SEEK THE LORD (Isaiah 55:6-11)

** The canticle will be sung by the cantor.*

Seek the Lord while he / may be found;
call upon him while / he is near.

Let the wicked for- / sake his way
and the evil / man his thoughts.

Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mer- / cy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely / pardon.

"For my thoughts are / not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways," de- / clares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher / than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts / than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow come down from / heaven
and do not return to it without water- / ing the earth

and making it bud and / flourish,

so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the / eater,
so is my word that goes out / from my mouth:

It will not return to me / empty;

but will accomplish what / I desire

and achieve the purpose for which / I sent it.”

* *The fourth candle is extinguished.*

HYMN

122 “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished,
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph,
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;



Sing the end - ing of the fray. Now a -
Of th' ap - point - ed time was come, He, the
He went forth from Naz - a - reth, Des - tined,
Be for all the no - blest tree; None in
To the Fa - ther and the Son, To th' e -



bove the cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri -
Word, was born of wom - an, Left for us his
ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing, Did his work and
fo - liage, none in blos - som, None in fruit your
ter - nal Spir - it hon - or Now and ev - er -



um - phant lay. Tell how Christ, the world's Re -
Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of true o -
met his death; Like a lamb he hum - bly
e - qual be, Sym - bol of the world's re -
more be done— Praise and glo - ry in the



deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
yield - ed On the cross his dy - ing breath.
demp - tion, For your bur - den makes us free.
high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

LESSON Lamentations 1:1-5

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!
How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!
She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks.
Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile.
She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.
All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts.
All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,
her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.
The LORD has brought her grief because of her many sins.
Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN

268 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" v 1

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

LESSON

Lamentations 1:6-9

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion.
Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;
in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering, Jerusalem remembers all the treasures
that were hers in days of old.
When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her.
Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.
All who honored her despise her nakedness;
she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.
Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.
“Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.”

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN

268 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” v 2

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

LESSON

Lamentations 1:10-14

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;
she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—
those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread;
they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.
“Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised.”

“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.
Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,
that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?

“From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.
He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

“My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together.
They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength.
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.”

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN

268 *“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” v 3*

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

SERMON

John 19:17-30

MAGNIFICAT – SONG OF MARY (Luke 1:46-55)

** The canticle will be sung by the cantora.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in / God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his / lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me / blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy / is his name.

He has mercy on / those who fear him
in every / generation.
He has shown the strength / of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in / their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty / from their thrones
and has lifted / up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry / with good things,
and the rich he has sent away / empty.

He has come to the help of his servant / Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of / mercy,
the promise made to our fathers, to / Abraham,
and to his children forever. / Amen.

** The fifth candle is extinguished.*

SEASONAL SENTENCE (Philippians 2:8b-9)

M: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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.

PSALM 51

M: Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God,
the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then there will be righteous sacrifices,
whole burnt offerings to delight you;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

* *The sixth candle is extinguished.*

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

The lights are dimmed down all the way.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE STREPITUS

* *The silence is broken with a loud noise, representing the closing of the tomb. Christ is dead. The punishment of God has been carried out.*

The seventh candle, representing the Light of Christ, returns to the sanctuary. Though dead on the cross, Jesus has not been defeated.

The minister exits the chancel in silence.

CLOSING HYMN 434 "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart" v 3

* *The hymn will be sung by the cantors.*

♪ Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home
That I may die un-fearing. And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until your reappearing.

And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise you without end.



The service concludes with no blessing since Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter are considered one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

Personal Prayer after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: Amy Hermanson for serving as cantora; Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor and playing the music; Ana Johnston and Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the service; and Nick Johnston for serving as usher.

Offering: *If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.*

About the Propers, a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, is posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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