

March 29, 2024  
Good Friday



“Father, forgive them,  
for they know not  
what they do.” “Woman, behold your son.  
Behold your mother.”  
“Father, into Your hands  
I commit My Spirit.”  
“My God, My God, why  
have you forsaken Me?”  
“Truly, I say to you,  
“I thirst.” today you will be  
with Me in paradise.”



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #159

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**

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*Based on Ps. 53; 51; 1 Jn 2; Micah 7; 2 Sam. 12; 1 Pet. 5; Ps. 103*

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**P** God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, no, not one.

**G** **Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight— Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.**

**P** But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**G** **Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.**

**P** The LORD also has put away your sin. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

**G** **Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Response: WS #724

*“Jesus, Remember Me”*

**C** **♫ Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

**Note:** Following the next hymn, the lights will be turned off while the final Scripture passages are read. At the end of each reading a candle will be put out. This is to show the increasing agony and darkness that our Savior suffered for us, until finally, He willingly gave up His life for us.

Our service will conclude with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the tolling of the bells 33 times. After this, you are asked to exit the service silently, greeting one another only after you have exited the building. If you wish to stay and meditate, you are invited to do so. As you leave, it would be fitting to think of those events that occurred on that first Good Friday and of the victory that our Savior won for us by His death.

**Hymn: TLH #172:1-4, 8**      *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

**Taking the Place of Barabbas:**      *Matthew 27:24-26*

**The Soldiers Mock Jesus:**      *Matthew 27:27-31*

**The King on the Cross:**      *Matthew 27:32-37*

**Crucified Between Two Robbers:**      *Matthew 27:38-44*

**Forsaken by the Father:**      *Matthew 27:45-49*

**God Dies on the Cross:**      *Matthew 27:50-56*

**Buried in Joseph's Tomb:**      *Matthew 27:57-60*

### **The Benediction**

**P** Go now into the darkness of evening. Though we walk in darkness, we are not forsaken. We are led by the hand of God. May the love of the Father calm your fears. May the grace of the Lord Jesus keep you through the night. May the presence of the Holy Spirit sustain you throughout life. The Lord be with you. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**      *Tolling of the bell 33 times.*

*Our worship will resume on Sunday morning as the tomb is opened to reveal Christ's victory over death!*

8:30-9:30 am Easter Brunch | 10:00 am Easter Victory Service

## ✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

**Hymn: WS #722**

*"Deep Were His Wounds"*

**Confession of Faith**

*Smalcald Articles, Part II, Article I*

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☑ The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification. And He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit (freely, and without their own works or merits) by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood. Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, "For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. That He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Christ." Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to it, even though heaven and earth and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. "For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," says Peter. And with His stripes we are healed.**

**Hymn: TLH #153**

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

### ✠ The Sermon ✠

**Luke 22:61-62**

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

**Peter's Account About His Denial**

**C** *Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Hymn: Below

"O Lamb of God"

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

*Refrain*  
sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me  
in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose,

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there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver us and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠