

GATHERING

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, on this haunting holy day we come to the place of the skull, the place of the cross, the place of our salvation. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Good Friday Anthem 1

R. Schulz-Widmar

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world. May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of His countenance, and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER

* **HYMN 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

THE FIRST WORD: THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 23:32-34

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, we turn to you with amazed joy as forgiven people because Jesus prayed on the cross for us, for all people, for his enemies – those who were mocking him, beating him, and crucifying him.

And yet he prayed for forgiveness for us too. Lord, thank you!

Give us your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, so that this forgiveness will flow through us to others: those we live with every day, those who have especially wronged us, those we are tempted to fear or to hate. In the name of Jesus, who prayed for us.

Amen.

RESPONSE

Kyrie from Mass in Four Voices

W. Byrd

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

THE SECOND WORD: THE WORD OF SALVATION

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, remember us, we pray; remember us now, today, and remember us when you come into the fullness of your kingdom. Thank you for the encouragement of your response to the thief on the cross: the promise of paradise, the promise of your presence – that we will be with you forever and that with you there is no forgetting. Amen.

Sing 3 times through.

THE THIRD WORD: THE WORD OF AFFECTIONJohn 19:25^b-27

^{25b} Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

Thank you, Lord God, for the good work that Jesus was performing even on the cross, creating a new community of love—the church;

A community bound together by the saving blood of Jesus, transcending all the barriers of national boundaries, of race, of culture, of language—one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

May we be true to Jesus' good work on the cross, loving and caring for one another in your church, whoever the brother or sister in Christ may be.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

T. Manor

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love; leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore! How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best; 'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.

THE FOURTH WORD: THE WORD OF ANGUISH

Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER (In Unison)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul: that Jesus would take our place on the cross, experiencing the curse, the abandonment, the God-forsakenness warranted by our sin. Thank you, Lord, for Jesus' sacrifice so that we will always enjoy God's nearness and blessing. Amen.

RESPONSE

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, Lord, my sins bewailing! Bow Thy gracious ear to me, make Thou my prayer availing. Mark not my misdeeds in Thy book, Gracious Lord, most holy; on my sins in mercy look; who can stand before Thee? Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, Thou my light, Thou my soul's deliv'rance. With Thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding. The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding. All who in Thy sight appear come in sinful measure; all before Thee bow in fear seeking Thy good pleasure. Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, Thou my light, Thou my soul's deliv'rance. Amen.

THE FIFTH WORD: THE WORD OF SUFFERING

John 19:28-29

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

O God! It breaks our hearts to think of the suffering and torment that Jesus went through on the cross. Jesus, the Living Water, suffering thirst – for us.

Jesus, the Righteous One, suffering the pangs of hell – for us.

May we on this day, again and again, drink deeply from the well of living water that began to flow when Jesus' blood was shed and his body was broken,

So that our lives may be refreshed even unto life eternal. Amen.

RESPONSE

Stabat Mater Dolorosa

G. B. Pergolesi

*Stabat Mater dolorosa
juxta crucem lacrymosa
Dum pendebat Filius*

*There stands the Mother
grieving and weeping
next to the cross on which hangs her son.*

THE SIXTH WORD: THE WORD OF CONTENTMENT

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER (In Unison)

Father of Jesus, our Father for Jesus' sake, we pray that the childlike awe and trust Jesus exhibited on the cross would become ours also. We pray that we will trust you no matter what, knowing that in your good, strong hands, we are eternally secure. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

* **HYMN 221**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

THE SEVENTH WORD: THE WORD OF VICTORY

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Thy Will Be Done

C. Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done. In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death, to rise again!

PRAYER

Lord God, with Jesus' work completed on the cross, what is left but to give ourselves in gratitude to you?

And so we give ourselves to you – body and soul, all that we are, all that we have – as a living sacrifice of praise. We commit our spirits and our lives to you.

Receive us, accept this offering in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

RESPONSE

Were You There?

SPIRITUAL

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence.

THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: McKenzie Amos, Connor Drake, Faith Garrett, Jonathon Haney, Jack Harling, Mark Hults, Scott Stuart, Wes Teza, Sam White

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SOPRANO: April Basiletti

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AUDIO VISUAL TEAM: Dink Henderson, John Rayl

All of Holy Week points toward the passion – the death and resurrection of Christ. We are provided with an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter. Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by engaging in each step of this week's journey.

On Maundy Thursday we kept the feast that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and we remembered his new commandment: to love one another even as he has loved us. This evening we turn to the cross, where Jesus gave his life for us and our salvation.

Holy Week

March 30 • Easter Egg Hunt • 10 a.m.

March 31 • Easter Sunday Worship • 8:30 & 11 a.m.
in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion
and 11 a.m. on our YouTube Channel


*The Prelude starts at 8:20 and 10:50 a.m.

**Please bring fresh flowers to add to the flowering of the cross in the churchyard.

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216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

TEXT: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868, alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

ST. CHRISTOPHER
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Jesus, Remember Me 227

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981

REMEMBER ME
 Irregular

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JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

TEXT: Latin, 12th or 13th cent.; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830, alt.
 MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

PASSION CHORALE
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