



Good Friday

March 29, 2024

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Sing To Jesus"

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Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death

Come you weary and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast
Christ who died, risen in Paradise
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Sing to Jesus His is the throne
Now and forever He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot put it out.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

All: **This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'**

Liturgist: I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."
John 1:29-31

* **All Singing:** **164 "What Wondrous Love is This"**
Singing verses 1 and 3

Reconciliation

Liturgist: During his whole life on earth, but especially the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 37). In response to this sacrifice, we confess our sins to God.

All Singing: **172 "Ah Holy Jesus"**
Soloist singing verses 1 and 2, all singing verse 3 and 4

THE LAST SUPPER

Minister: Matthew 26:17-29

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
INVITATION
COMMUNION

All Singing: **155 "As He Gathered at His Table"**

ACCLAMATION

* **All Singing:** **819 "I Love the Lord"**
Singing verses 2 and 3

Proclamation – The Seven Last Words

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Minister: Luke 23:23-25, 32-34

Choir: "O Love" Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Liturgist: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

All: **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**
1 John 2:1-2

All Singing: 682 “Before the Throne of God Above”
Singing verse 1

“Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

Minister: Luke 23:35-43

Choir: “My Saviour Goes to His Suffering” Anon. (c. 1780)

My Saviour goes to suffer, His life for me to offer, that I may live again;
That I may gain salvation within His congregation,
He bows His head and dies.

Now here I stand weeping, weeping for gladness, for gladness that He
saved me, I praise His blessed name. Oh love beyond comparing! How
shall I truly thank Him for all He’s done for me?

Liturgist: When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered,
he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**All: “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins
and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”**
1 Peter 2:23-24

All Singing: 833 “There is a Redeemer”
Singing verse 2

“Woman, behold thy son.”

Minister: John 19:23-27

*** All Singing: 825 “Beneath the Cross”**
Singing verses 1 and 2

Liturgist: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**All: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.** *John 3:16-17*

All Singing: 840 “Behold the Lamb”
Singing verse 1

“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

Minister: Mark 15:33-41

Choir: “O Sacred Head” arr. Raney

O sacred head now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns thine only crown
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this, Thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.

Liturgist: What further benefit do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: **By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43

All Singing: 171 "Calvary"

Choir sing opening refrain and verse 2; All singing refrain, verse 5, and refrain

"I thirst."

Minister: John 19:28-29

Choir: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Liturgist: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive with Christ.

All: **He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

Colossians 2:13-15

All Singing: 174 "I Stand Amazed"

Singing verse 1

"It is finished."

Minister: John 19:30

Silence

Choir: "Ave Verum" Mozart
Sung in Latin

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.*

Liturgist: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: **For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.**

Romans 6:22-23, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

All Singing: 177 “Oh to See the Dawn”
Singing verses 3 and 4

“Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.”

Minister: Luke 23:44-46

Choir: “Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs” Graun

Surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Liturgist: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

All: **This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Revelation 5:6a, 9-10; 1 John 4:9-10

All Singing: 166 “Were You There”
Singing verse 1

Please leave in silence

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