



April 18, 2025 – Livestream
Good Friday
Liturgy of the Passion

PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***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 to 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 an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
in the shame of the cross
you reveal the glory of God.
As we remember your suffering and death,
save us from hardness of heart
and lead us to repent of our sin
that we may receive your unfailing love. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸The Lord God who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

CANTICLE

Psalm 31:9-16

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**People: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

Leader: I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**People: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

Leader: For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

People: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

Leader: My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

ANTHEM

And Can It Be?

D. Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in my Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God, shouldst die for me?
He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? Amazing love how can it be?
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me.

THE REPROACHES

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I led you out of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you condemned and tortured me
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I fed you manna in the wilderness
and nourished you with my body, the bread of heaven,
but you mocked and insulted me
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I quenched your thirst with my living water from the rock,
but you gave me bitter water to drink
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I prayed that you all may be one,
but you cast lots for my clothing
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I grafted you to the vine of Israel,
but you persecuted them
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Leader: I came to you as the least of your kin,
a stranger hungry and thirsty and in prison,
but you gave me no food or drink or visited me
and hung me on a cross to die.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:1-12

The Trial and Torture of Jesus

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' ³Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' ⁵But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

ANTHEM

Surely He hath Borne Our Grievs

E. Copley

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities,
and the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:13-25

Jesus is Condemned and Rejected by the People

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' ²²A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte:
O ye people, that are passing by me and see me and consider,
 si est dolor sicut dolor meus.
if there can be any sorrow as mine.

THIRD GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23: 26-31

The Crucifixion of Christ

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

HYMN #287

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

O Love divine, what hast thou done! Th'immortal God hath died for me!
The Father's co-eternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.
Th'immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.
Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.
Pardon for all flows from his side: my Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace!
Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like his?"
Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

FOURTH GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:32-43

The Soldiers and the Criminals behold the Suffering Messiah

³² Two 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. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One 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.'

ANTHEM

Father, Forgive Them

P. Choplin

Father, forgive them. Forgive them, they know not what they do.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

*HYMN #288

Were You There

You are invited to come and kneel in prayer at the altar as the hymn is sung.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

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Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

REVERENCE FOR THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

Philippians 2

Leader: Though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

**People: but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

Leader: And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

**People: Behold the wood of the cross
on which hung the salvation of the world.**

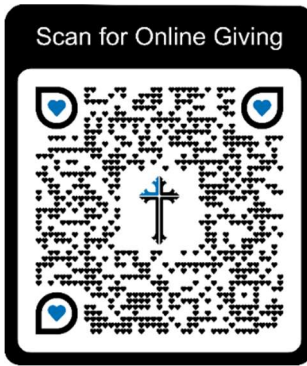
ANTHEM

Hear the Nails

H. Frombach

Hear the nails, feel the pain, son of God now is slain.
Losing life, no more breath. Son of God facing death.
People cry crucify! Son of God, let him die.
See the tears on his face, son of God in disgrace.
Father, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Into your hands I commit my spirit.
See the blood flowing down, feel the thorns in his crown.
Hear the nails, feel the spear, son of God, death is near.

LEAVE IN SILENCE



Easter Services:

April 20, 8:30am and 11:00am

Upcoming Events:

April 26, Community Clean Up Day, 10:00am-1:00pm

April 27, Earth Day and "State of the State's Environment"
during Sunday School hour

Tonight's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

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Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

John Hague & James Horton

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