

GOOD FRIDAY

PRELUDE

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (v 1-3)



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
“It is fin - ished!” hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

READING

Ours were the sorrows he carried.

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted. But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man. And he will startle many nations. Kings will stand

speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about.

Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?

My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. **There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.**

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down.

And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! **But he was pierced for *our* rebellion, crushed for *our* sins. He was beaten so *we* could be whole. He was whipped so *we* could be healed.**

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream.

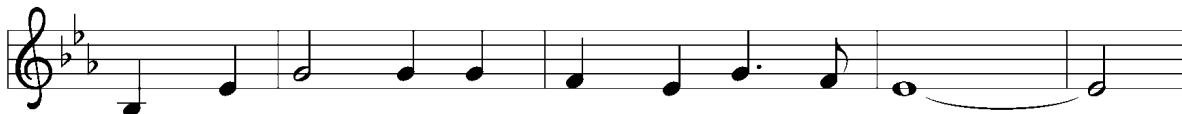
But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

Yet the righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

HYMN

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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GOSPEL

John 12:20-26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it

dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

MEDITATION

“Unless A Grain of Wheat Dies ...”

HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

BIDDING PRAYER

God, the Father in heaven. God the Son, redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, one God **Have mercy on us.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For our pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the Church's people ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed. We pray especially for Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; for Greg, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws;. ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, we give you thanks and ... **we pray to you, Good Lord.** ++ *silent prayer* ++

And now we pray, for ourselves, for those we love, for our and their deepest needs and holiest aspirations. (*Worshippers offer prayers of their own – aloud or silently*)

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ. O God, give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in love. God does not treat us as our sins deserve nor punish us according to our guilt, but looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. Therefore, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, have we sinned.

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.

As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God with you. As high as heaven is above the earth, so vast is God's love for you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Our cross is carried in procession up the aisle and placed at the front. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward, turning with its movement up the aisle. The following response is said three times during the procession.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
O come, let us worship him. *(Repeat 3 times)*

HYMN "Jesus, Remember Me, when You Come Into Your Kingdom"

We will sing this simple hymn several times, during which worshippers may come forward to show honor to the cross. This may be done in any of the following ways: bowing before the cross, standing in silence before it, touching it with fingertips, kneeling before it.



*Thank
You*

St. John would like to say thank you to Pastor Fenton for being with us during this Lenten Season.

We appreciate all the time and hard work you have put in preparing worship services for us!



Lenten Schedule

Easter Sunday

8:00AM

9:00AM

10:05AM

Sunday, April 4th

-Parking Lot Worship

-Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

-Indoor Worship

