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Good Friday: Service of the Cross of Christ

The minister enters in silence.

Prayer for Good Friday

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you love us so much that you sent your Son into the world. The sun refused to shine during the death of your one and only Son. On a cross, he willingly endured pain, anguish, and death once for all. He proclaimed, "It is finished." We rejoice that the darkness of sin that oppressed our hearts has given way to full and complete forgiveness. We are declared righteous because he who had no sin assumed our sin and paid the ransom for us. Hold his cross before us always, so that we may not be overcome by the darkness.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Isaiah describes God's exalted Servant, Jesus Christ. The LORD exalted his Servant because he humbled himself to inhuman shame to carry out God's purpose of saving sinners.

¹³Look, my servant will succeed.

He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.

¹⁴Just as many were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—

¹⁵so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him,
because they will see something they had never been told before,
and they will understand something they had never heard before.

53 Who has believed our report,
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot
and like a root from dry ground.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men,
a man who knew grief,

who was well acquainted with suffering.

Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,
he was despised,
and we thought nothing of him.

⁴Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,
and he was carrying our sufferings.
We thought it was because of God
that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
⁵but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.
He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.
The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶We all have gone astray like sheep.
Each of us has turned to his own way,
but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth.
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers,
he did not open his mouth.
⁸He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice,
and of his generation, who even cared?
So, he was cut off from the land of the living.
He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.
⁹They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,
because he had done no violence,
and no deceit was in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.
Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.
He will prolong his days,
and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.
¹¹After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.
He will provide satisfaction.
Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,
for he himself carried their guilt.
¹²Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,
and with the strong he will share plunder,
because he poured out his life to death,
and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.
He himself carried the sin of many,
and he intercedes for the rebels.

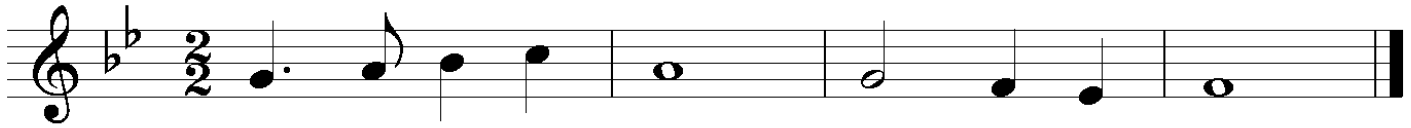
Psalm of the Day

(Special Music)

Psalm 22

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?"

Refrain



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust,
You are my God.

I come with praise before the Lord,
Release me from all strife;
The poor will feast at tables full
And find eternal life.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust,
You are my God.

The far-flung corners of the earth
Shall turn to God and Sing;
And nations of the world shall rise
To hail the Lord as King.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust,
You are my God.

The mighty on their knees will bow;
As mortals, they discern
That, as from dust God gave them breath,
To dust they shall return

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust,
You are my God.

Descendants of the coming years
Who walk the paths well trod
Will sing to children yet unborn
The mighty acts of God.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust,
You are my God.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

The writer of Hebrews applies Isaiah's theme to the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' service as high priest is loving, sympathetic, effective and eternal.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:7}In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him,

Verse:

Isaiah 53:4

M: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Adult Choir

Undying Love

Gospel

John 19:17-30

John records as a historical fact what Isaiah foresaw, and what the writer to the Hebrews ponders. The Servant of the LORD acted as our great High Priest by sacrificing himself once for all on Calvary's cross.

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.”””

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Hymn: 100

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, “Willing all this I suffer.”

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.

"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."

3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth's foundation.

4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you Shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Sermon: Matthew 27:45-50 — The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

Offering Prayer



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Special Music

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls

The Lord Is Our Salvation

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise,
He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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BIDDING PRAYER

C: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, since you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of his truth, keep, we ask you, in safety the works of your mercy so that your Church, spread throughout all nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word and for all the people of God:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all your servants in your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P: O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of this state, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws that all who receive the sword as your representatives may bear it according to your

Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of those who labor, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to you graciously come before you, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and his only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into his family, the Church:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, because you seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of you, free them from their error, and for the glory of your name bring them into the fellowship of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable to their salvation:

P: O almighty, everlasting God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you have

commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore you that by your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: Amen.

C: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to his own goodwill:

P: O Lord, Father Almighty, by your Word you created and you still continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray you so to reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may dwell in our hearts and we may by your grace be made ready to receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and these things that pertain to our bodily need through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Finally let us pray for all these things for which our Lord would have us ask, praying:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The cross is carried in procession. The following responsive verses are sung or said three times, once as the procession begins, then as the procession is halfway to the altar, finally as the procession ends at the altar.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Silence for meditation

Reproaches

The Reproaches (Improperia) are said or sung.

FIRST REPROACH

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I

offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C: (Hymn 128 v. 1-2)

**Not all the blood of beasts On Israel's altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.**

SECOND REPROACH

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people!

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

C: (Hymn 128 v. 3)

**In faith I place my hand On that dear head divine,
As penitently here I stand And lay on him my sin.**

THIRD REPROACH

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people!

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

C: (Hymn 128 v. 4-5)

**My soul looks back to see The burden you did bear
When hanging on the cursed tree I know my guilt was there!**

**Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing his bleeding love.**

Silence for meditation

Hymn: 139

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

1 Jesus, in your dying woes, Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus!

2 Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief who near you dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus!

3 Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart your sorrows rend,
And your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus!

4 Jesus, plunged in depths unknown With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus!

5 Jesus, in your thirst and pain, While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan: Hear us, holy Jesus!

6 Jesus, all our ransom paid, All your Father's will obeyed,
By your suff'rings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus!

7 Jesus, all your labor vast, All your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Text: Thomas B. Pollock, 1836-96, abr., alt.

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The minister exits the chancel.

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