

Friday, April 4, 2017
Good Friday Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The congregation gathers in silence

ANTHEM

"Come With Me" Williams/Drennan
Chancel Choir
Pastor Roger Lenander, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 53)

☐ *Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

☑ **Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

☐ *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,*

☑ **And with his stripes we are healed.**

*LITURGICAL DANCE

"Kyrie Eleison"
Liza Heeler and Aly Viselli, dancers

*LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

☐ *O Crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,*

☑ **we worship you.**

☐ *O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven, burning flame of love,*

☑ **we worship you.**

☐ *O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of faithfulness,*

☑ **we worship you.**

☐ *O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,*

☑ **we worship you.**

☐ *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

☑ **have mercy on us.**

☐ *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

☑ **have mercy on us.**

☐ *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

☑ **grant us peace.**

☐ *Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus*

Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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!

SONG

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW 803

**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 a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

L *The first reading is from the book of Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter.*

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him
— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals —

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore 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;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

☞ *The word of the Lord.*

☞ Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

☞ *The second reading is from the book of Hebrews, the tenth chapter.*

[After the Holy Spirit says,] ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"
¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

☞ *The word of the Lord.*

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"And Then There Was Darkness"

Rev. Roger Lenander

ANTHEM

"They Crucified My Lord"

John Carter

Chancel Choir

***SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS**

☞ *O my people, O my church,
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Answer me.*

*I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *I led you through the desert forty years
and fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and penitence
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *I went before you in a pillar of cloud,*

*and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P *I gave you a royal scepter
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P *My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P *I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P *I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P *I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.*

☞ Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

For the ministry of Faith in Action

***OFFERING** *(the Crucifixion video)*

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

N: After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

J: Whom are you looking for?

Q: Jesus of Nazareth.

J: I am he.

N: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground.

J: Whom are you looking for?

Q: Jesus of Nazareth.

J: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

N: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

J: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

N: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.
Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Women: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

Men: I am not.

N: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and

they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

J: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

N: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face.

Q: Is that how you answer the high priest?

J: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

N: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Women: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

N: He denied it and said,

Men: I am not.

N: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Q: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

N: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

PT: What accusation do you bring against this man?

Q: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

PT: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

N: The Jews replied,

Q: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

N: This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die. Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

PT: Are you the King of the Jews?

J: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

PT: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

J: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

PT: So you are a king?

J: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice

PT: What is truth?

N: After he had said this, Pilate went out to the Jews again and told them,

PT: I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

☞: Not this man, but Barabbas!

N: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

☞: Hail, King of the Jews!

N: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

PT: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

N: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

PT: Here is the man!

N: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Choir: Crucify him! Crucify him! (sung)

PT: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

☞: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

N: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

PT: Where are you from?

N: But Jesus gave him no answer.

PT: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

J: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

N: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Q: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

N: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

PT: Here is your King!

Q: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

PT: Shall I crucify your King?

Q: We have no king but the emperor.

N: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

Q: They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

N: And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

J: Woman, here is your son.

N: Then he said to the disciple,

J: Here is your mother.

N: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said, in order to fulfill the scripture,

J: I am thirsty.

N: 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. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

J: It is finished.

STREPITUS (organ)

N: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth. These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled,

☩: None of his bones shall be broken.

N: And again another passage of scripture says,

☩: They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

N: After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

***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!

ANTHEM

"Lenten Song"
Chancel Choir
Donovan Jones, flute

Mark Hayes

DISMISSAL

The congregation departs in silence