



Good Friday
April 2, 2021 - 1:00PM

AS WE GATHER: Today we are remembering our Lord's suffering and death. To remember means to bring something to mind so that the past may have an effect on us today. Isaiah prophesied that God's Servant would "make many to be accounted righteous." That happens when we plead that Jesus' righteousness in His earthly life be counted as our own by grace today. When the cross is before our eyes, we remember and thereby are able to respond to the exhortation in the Epistle, "let us hold fast our confession." But it is the thief on the cross who is our model, of course, when in his last moments he pleads, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Indeed, the remembering that truly makes our salvation sure is God's! And so, our salvation is sure!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #453, vs. 1-4,7 *"Upon the Cross Extended"*

- 1 Upon the cross extended
 See, world, your Lord suspended.
 Your Savior yields His breath.
 The Prince of Life from heaven
 Himself has freely given
 To shame and blows and bitter death.

- 2 Come, see these things and ponder,
 Your soul will fill with wonder
 As blood streams from each pore.
 Through grief beyond all knowing
 From His great heart came flowing
 Sighs welling from its deepest core.

- 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?
 Who has so sore abused You
 And caused You all Your woe?
 We all must make confession
 Of sin and dire transgression
 While You no ways of evil know.

4 I caused Your grief and sighing
By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Your soul is cumbered,
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

7 Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Christ redeemed the world by means of His own blood,
People: Thus securing for us an eternal redemption.

Pastor: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
People: So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;
People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: We confess that we have forgotten to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. Forgive us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ,
People: **We confess that we have forgotten to reflect our faith in You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,
People: **We confess that we have forgotten that without Your aid we are helpless to change. Forgive us and renew in us clean hearts so that we find delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has not forgotten the promises He made purely by grace. He sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take the punishment due each of us. His Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we put our faith in the Savior. Our sins are forgiven for the sake of His innocent suffering and death and glorious resurrection. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
People: **And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You promised paradise to the criminal on a cross, who could do nothing but ask for Your mercy.
People: **Remember us now, we who have gathered in Your name and in Your presence, and assure us again that pardon awaits us in paradise;**

Pastor: For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN #439, vs. 1,2,8

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they
scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

PASSION NARRATIVE

CONDEMNED AND CRUCIFIED

HYMN #451

“Stricken Smitten and Afflicted”

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
 Here the refuge of the lost:
 Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
 Is the name of which we boast;
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
 None shall ever be confounded
 Who on Him their hope have built.

PASSION NARRATIVE

JESUS' DEATH

HYMN #448, vs. 1,2,3,7

"O Darkest Woe"

1 O darkest woe!
 Ye tears, forth flow!
 Has earth so sad a wonder?
 God the Father's only Son
 Now is buried yonder.

2 O sorrow dread!
 Our God is dead,
 Upon the cross extended.
 There His love enlivened us
 As His life was ended.

3 O child of woe:
 Who struck the blow
 That killed our gracious Master?
 "It was I," thy conscience cries,
 "I have wrought disaster!"

7 O Jesus Christ,
 Who sacrificed
 Thy life for lifeless mortals:
 Be my life in death and bring
 Me to heaven's portals!

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PASSION NARRATIVE

HE WAS BURIED

HYMN #456, vs. 1-3

"Were You There"

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
 tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Savior and Lord, You put our needs ahead of Your own. In obedience to Your Father's will You went to the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. Accept our humble thanks and praise. Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **Have mercy on us and grant us peace.**

Pastor: Savior and Lord, as You put our interests ahead of Your own, help us by Your Spirit to do the same with others. Lead us to walk in love as You walked and to offer comfort, hope and healing in Your name to those in need. Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **Have mercy on us and grant us peace.**

Pastor: Savior and Lord, You alone are light and hope for a world lost in the darkness of sin. Empower us to be bold witnesses for You so that others will come to know and worship You as Lord. Jesus, Lamb of God.

People: **Have mercy on us and grant us peace. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CLOSING HYMN #449

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

- 1 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.
- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.
- 3 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.
- 4 Be Thou my consolation,
 My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
 Who dieth thus dies well.

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Easter Worship: 8:00 & 10:30AM in the Church (Traditional)
9:15 & 10:45AM in the Gym (Contemporary)

Easter Breakfast: “To-Go” Style from 8:30-10:30AM in the cafeteria. (A free-will donation will be taken.)

Guest Organist: Ed Kappeler

Sound: Todd Radke

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