



Good Friday

A Service of Darkness

April 6, 2007
Pastor Mark Voss

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: On this night we remember that Christ, the Lamb of God, was betrayed, arrested, mocked, beaten, and finally crucified.

**C: Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Look, the Lamb of God who takes away my sin.**

SING:

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**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

P: We gather this evening in guilt, in grace, and in gratitude.

P: In guilt,

**C: because we know it is our sins that brought you, dear Savior,
to this cross.**

P: In grace,

**C: because your blood paid the penalty for our sins, and we are
free.**

P: In gratitude,

**C: because we daily experience by faith all the benefits of your
cross.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: From the time we are born, until we leave this earth, we live in the midst of trouble and sin. We live with the effects of other people's sin, and we live with the effects of our own sin. Others fail us, and we in turn, fail them. We can see prejudice and pride, greed and injustice in others, and, if we are honest, we can also see them in ourselves. The cross is an ugly reminder of our sin, it is also a beautiful reminder of our forgiveness. Let us look to the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner,
confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words,
and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not
loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me
and am deeply sorry for them.**

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!

SING:

CW268 v 2

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Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

SERMON

OFFERING

MUSICAL SELECTION – Sr. Choir

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THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

HYMN

CW139 v 1 Text, Tune, Setting: public domain. v 2 Text Thomas B. Pollock

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

**Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy, Jesus.**

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43



³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me When you come in - to your king - dom. Je - sus, re - mem - ber me

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THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HYMN

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**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.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**



THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.
⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, <"Eloi, Eloi, lama <sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

MUSICAL SELECTION – Grades 1-8

"Meditation for Lent"

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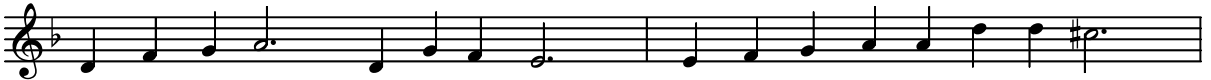
THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29

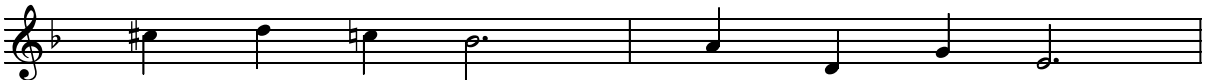
²⁸Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

HYMN

CW99 vv 1 & 2 *Text, Tune, Setting: c 1993 Kurt J. Eggert. Used by permission.



Oh, come, my soul, your Sav-ior see Nailed to your cross on Cal-va-ry.
'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame, The cross, the nails, the thirst, the pain;



Your pains he bears; Your thorns he wears
In ag - o - ny His blood runs free



That yours a crown of life might be.
To write in heav-en's book your name.



THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN

CW138 vv 1 & 2 Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

**Oh, perfect life of love!
All, all is finished now,
All that he left his throne above
To do for us below.**

**No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, his sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.**

THE SEVENTH WORD

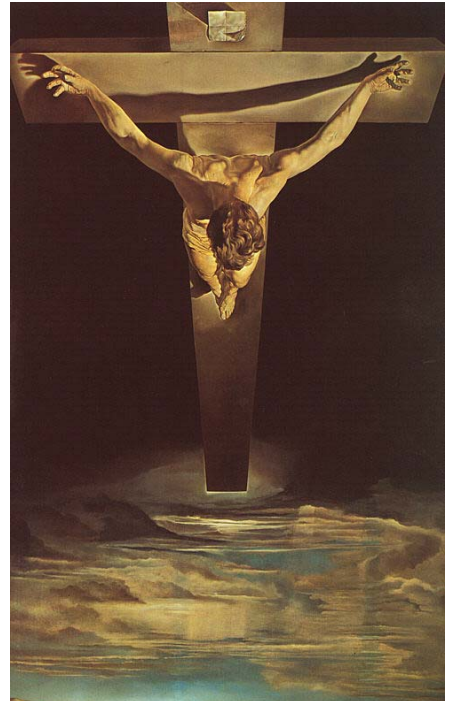
Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

HYMN cw119 Text, Tune, Setting: public domain

**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?**

**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?**



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**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

THE BURIAL

Luke 23:50-56

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

MUSICAL SELECTION – Teen Choir

“The Burial”

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

Isaiah 53:11-12

¹¹After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

MUSICAL SELECTION – Sr. Choir

“Abide With Me”

**YOU WILL BE USHERED OUT IN SILENCE IN HONOR AND
REMEMBRANCE OF JESUS' DEATH.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REMAIN IN MEDITATION.**