



Good Friday

A Service of Darkness

March 21, 2008
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.

SING – “Lamb of God”

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**Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk up-on this guilt-y sod, And to be-come the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho-ly Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre-cious blood. My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they cru-ci-fied,
They laughed and scorned Him as he died;
The hum-ble King they named a fraud,
And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho-ly Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre-cious blood. My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho-ly Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre-cious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.**

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION - Quartet

"Dearest Lord Jesus"

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:

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**As I look on Calvary One great myst'ry puzzles me.
I might ask, "How can it be That my God should die for me?
What can bind this King so great To the cross of sin and hate?"**

**All the nails of sinners lost Could not hold Him to the cross.
If He did not choose to stay, He could take Himself away.
His own nail of love and care – That's the one that held Him there.**

**Savior, let me meditate On Your love for me, so great.
Take from me the nails of sin. Make me holy now, within.
Let Your nail of love so true Point me to a life with You.**



SERMON – Psalm 22:12-16

“Those Nail Pierced Hands”

¹²Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. ¹³Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

**MUSICAL SELECTION – Joel Dusek
“The Maker of the Universe”**

Phil Keagy

As Man for man was made a curse. The claims of Law which He had made,
Unto the uttermost He paid. His holy fingers made the bough,
Which grew the thorns that crowned His brow.

The nails that pierced His hands were mined In secret places He designed

He made the forest whence there sprung The tree of which His body hung.

He died upon a cross of wood, Yet made the hill on which it stood.

The sky that darkened o'er His head, By Him above the earth was spread.

The sun that hid from Him it's face By His decree was poised in space.

The spear which spilled His precious blood Was tempered in the fires of God.

The grave in which His form was laid. Was hewn in rocks His hands had made.

The throne on which He now appears Was His for everlasting years.

But a new glory crowns His brow And every knee to Him shall bow.

OFFERING

MUSICAL SELECTION – Sr. Choir “Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs”

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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

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**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"

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**Jesus, remember me When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me When you come into your kingdom.**

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION – Jr. Choir

"A Purple Robe"

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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?"

PSALM 22b

Refrain – Sung by choir, then congregation



Be - hold, the Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world!

CHOIR: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me?
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

REFRAIN: ALL



I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
They divide my garments a-mong them and cast lots for my cloth-ing.
But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be forever. A - men.

REFRAIN: ALL

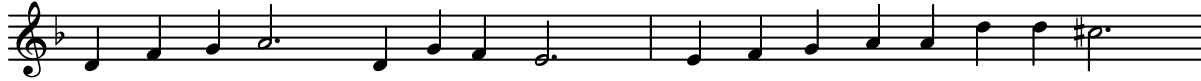
THE FIFTH WORD

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

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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

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**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.

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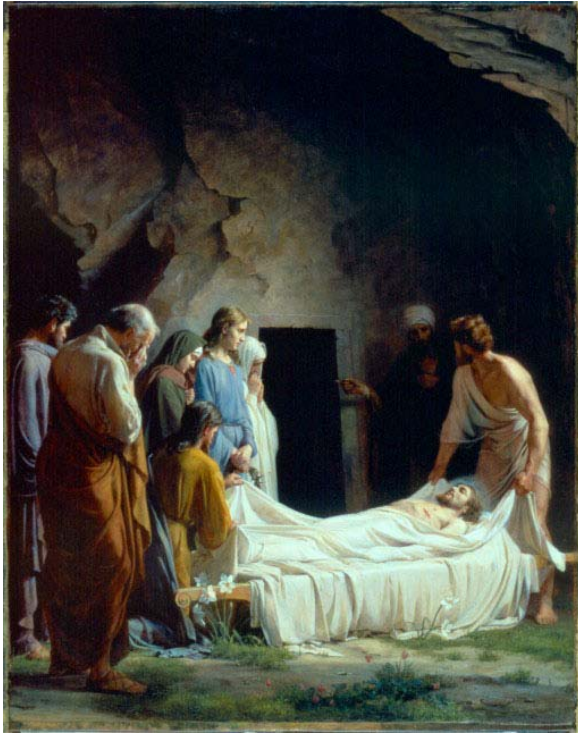
**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**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?**

SR. CHOIR Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

**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?**





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”

Words and Music by Mary Dorn Lippert

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

“Lamb of God”

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IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE
OF JESUS' DEATH.
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