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# Worship Leader Edition Good Friday

April 7, 2023

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

L = Leader    C = Congregation    ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (*red hymnal*)

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## GATHERING

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*All gather in silence as a continuation of the silent close of Maundy Thursday worship.*

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS (5:45 PM)

*As a congregation, we carry the cross in front of the church building, along Old Shakopee Road. As we carry the cross for Jesus as did Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32) we hear Jesus' 7-last words.*

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Center} (11 AM Angela Hansen; 7 PM Mark Roberts)

L: Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

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## NARRATIVE

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READING - **THE SUFFERING SERVANT** {Lectern} (Beth Angerhofer/Bette Gamboni)

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"What Wondrous Love"

ELW #666

Verse 1

**READING – THE SOLDIERS** {Pulpit} (Rob)

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

RESPONSE

“There in God’s Garden”  
Verses 1 & 2

**ELW #342***{Cross will be carried Down the aisle}***READING – THE CRUCIFIXION** {Lectern} (Angela/Mark)

Matthew 27:32-37

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’

RESPONSE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”  
Verses 1 & 2

**ELW #349****READING – THE THIEVES** {Pulpit} (Rob)

Matthew 27:38-44

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”’ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

RESPONSE

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”  
Verses 1 & 3

**ELW #359****READING – THE DARKNESS** {Lectern} (Angela/Mark)

Matthew 27:45-50

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
Verses 1 & 2

**ELW #351****READING – THE SON OF GOD** {Pulpit} (Rob)

Matthew 27:51-56

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

RESPONSE

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”  
Verses 1, 2 & 5

**ELW #337****READING – THE TOMB** {Lectern} (Angela/Mark)

Matthew 27:57-61

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

RESPONSE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
Verse 1

**ELW #338**

CLOSING PRAYER {Center} (Angela/Mark)

L: The body has been cleansed, anointed, perfumed, prepared, and now is laid to rest in a tomb outside the city.

C: **We respond now, as your beloved, the ones for whom this price was paid, and we wait with anticipation;**

L: Is this it? Is this the end?

C: **Wait, for we believe there is still more to come.**

RESPONSE

“Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”

K. Lee Scott

St. Luke's Choir

\*\* dim lights to setting # 8

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES (Cantors & congregation) {Camera on Cross} {readers will be seated in front pews}  
Music from Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days- #S462

Refrain  
Assembly

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
How have I offended you?

Answer me.

Rob

I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
And delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

2. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

Angela/  
Mark

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
Feeding you with manna on the way;  
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

3. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

Rob

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire.  
But you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

4. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

Angela/  
Mark

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

5. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Rob*

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
But you gave me vinegar to drink;  
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

6. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Angela/  
Mark*

gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

7. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Rob*

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,  
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

8. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Angela/  
Mark*

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised-land,  
But you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

9. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Rob*

I lifted you up to the heights,  
But you lifted me high on a cross;  
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,  
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

10. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Angela/  
Mark*

I grafted you into my people Israel,  
But you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

11. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me.

*Rob*

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,  
But I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
Thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
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.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*{Camera on Cross} {readers will be seated in front pews}*

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## REVERENCE OF THE CROSS

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HYMN "Were You There" ELW #353  
*Verse 1*

DIALOGUE (*Angela/Mark*) *Screen*  
L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN "Were You There" ELW #353  
*Verse 2*

DIALOGUE (*Rob*) *Screen*  
L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN "Were You There" ELW #353  
*Verse 5*

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DIALOGUE (*Angela/Mark*) *Screen*  
L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

HYMN "Jesus, Remember Me" ELW #616  
*Sing 4 times*

*All are invited to place prayers and offerings in the basket at the foot of the cross. You may reverence the cross by pausing before it, bowing, kneeling before it in prayer, or touching it. You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation after worship. Please depart in silence.*