

Worship Leader Edition Good Friday

April 18, 2025

11:00AM & 7:00PM

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Rob)

INVOCATION {Front Center} (Rob)

L: We continue worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Beth/David)

L: Dust and rocks groan. Deserts and prairies weep. Bushes and trees moan. Rivers and oceans roar. Animals of land, sea, and sky recoil. Sun cowers and moon wanes. Humanity fails. And darkness laughs. But it will not have its way with us forever.

C: **Amen.**

NARRATIVE

READING – **PRAYER IN THE GARDEN** {Pulpit} (Rob)

Luke 22:39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’

RESPONSE

“There in God’s Garden”
Verses 1 & 5

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Verse 1

There in God’s garden stands
The Tree of Wisdom,
Whose leaves hold forth
The healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Verse 5

This is my ending,
This my resurrection;
Into your hands,
Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
Now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

READING – **BETRAYAL AND DENIAL** {Lectern} (Angela/Bette)

Luke 22:47-62

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later

yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

RESPONSE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
Verses 1 & 2

ELW #349/Screen

Verse 1

Ah, holy Jesus,
How hast thou offended
That we to judge thee
Have in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
By thine own rejected.
O most afflicted.

Verse 2

Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason,
Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus,
I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

READING – **TRIAL AND VERDICT** {*Pulpit*} (Rob)

Luke 22:66-23:25

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ All of them asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’ Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

RESPONSE

“Greater Love”
Lori Murray, Piano and St. Luke’s Choir

Stan Pethel

READING – **CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH** {*Lectern*} (Angela/Bette)

Luke 23:26-49

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

(Pause for a moment)

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

(Pause until cross is the front)

But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’ Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus

(Pause while 3 hits on the nails, 3 times)

there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’ Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

RESPONSE

“The Holy Heart”

arr. Don Wyrzten

Lori Murray, Piano and St. Luke’s Choir

PRAYER {*Front Center*} (Beth/David)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, your death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven; through your blood you have reconciled us to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

***** dim lights to setting # 7***

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES (Cantors & congregation)

Music from Music Sourcebook for Lent and the Three Days- #S462

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) with lyrics: "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, providing harmonic support for the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES (*Mollie Erickson and Julie Schroeder/Congregation*)

1. O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
How have I offended you?
Answer me.
I led you out of slavery into freedom,
And delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
2. 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,

3. 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.
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,
5. 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,
6. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;
I 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.
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,
8. 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.
9. 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.
I grafted you into my people Israel,
But you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
11. 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.

REVERENCE OF THE CROSS

ANTHEM

“Return to God”

John Helgen

Lori Murray, Piano and St. Luke's Choir

DIALOGUE (*Assistant*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

MUSIC

“Were You There”
Verses 1 & 2

ELW #353/Screen

Verse 1

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

Verse 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?

DIALOGUE (*Rob*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

MUSIC

“Were You There”
Verses 3 & 5

ELW #353/Screen

Verse 3

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Verse 5

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

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DIALOGUE (*Assistant*)

L: Behold the life giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

MUSIC

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616/Screen

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
(Sing 4 times)