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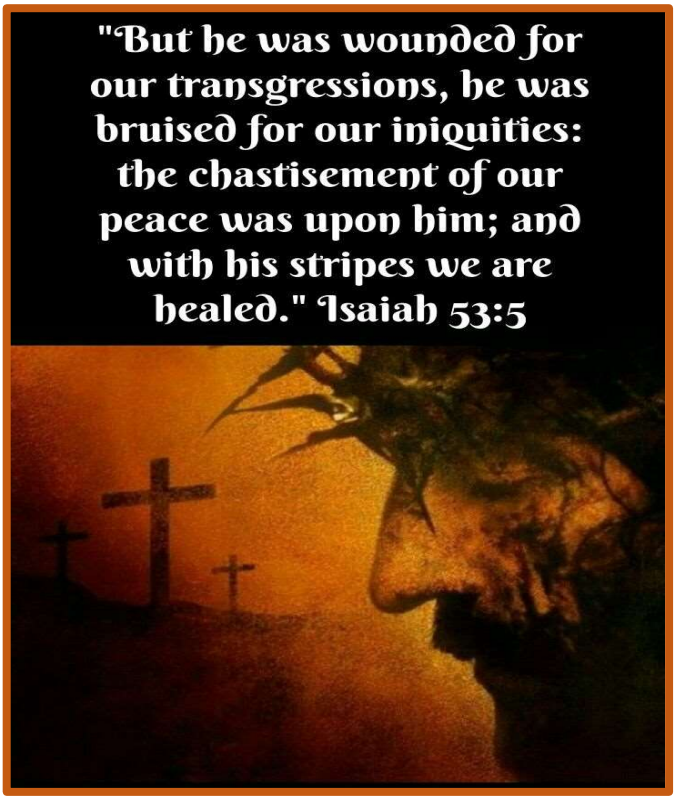


Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Prelude "*Were You There*"

Pastor's Greeting

Isaiah 52:10; 53:1-10

P: The LORD will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces for He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his/her own way;

and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

By oppression and judgment, He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE CONTINUES FROM MAUNDY THURSDAY *(Invocation is not spoken)*

(Congregation stands)

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER OF REFLECTION

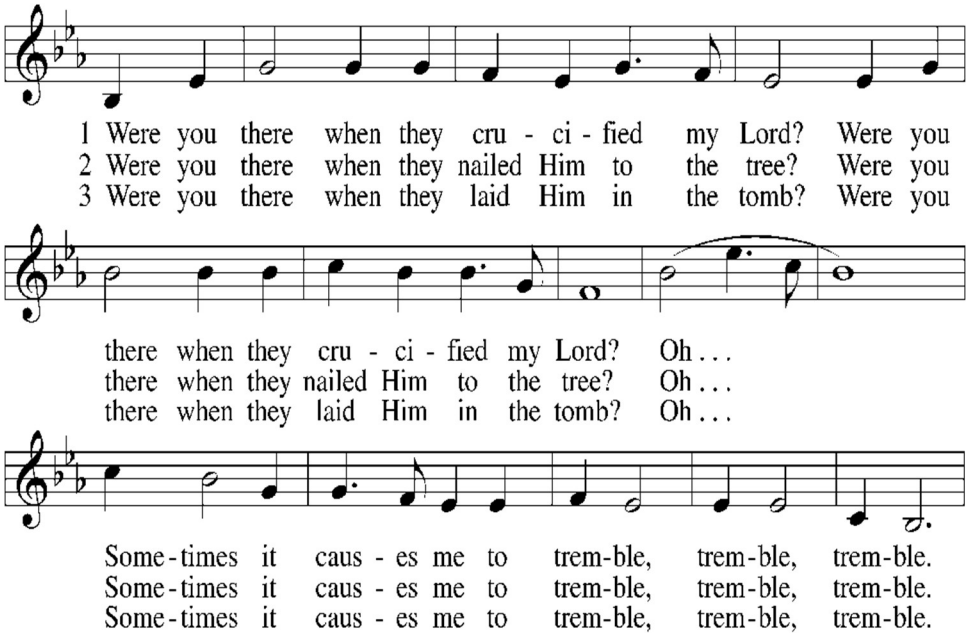
P: The Lord be with you.

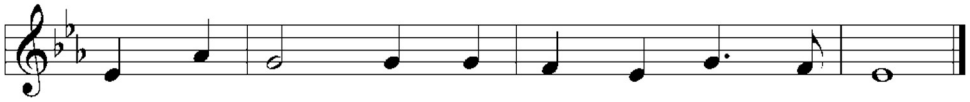
C: and with your Spirit.

P: *Let us pray*: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive the forgiveness of our sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN "WERE YOU THERE" *LSB 456, STS.1-3*





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(Congregation sits)

A Reading Taken From the Accounts of the Four Gospels

P: I confess to you, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets. *Acts 24*

(Congregation stands)

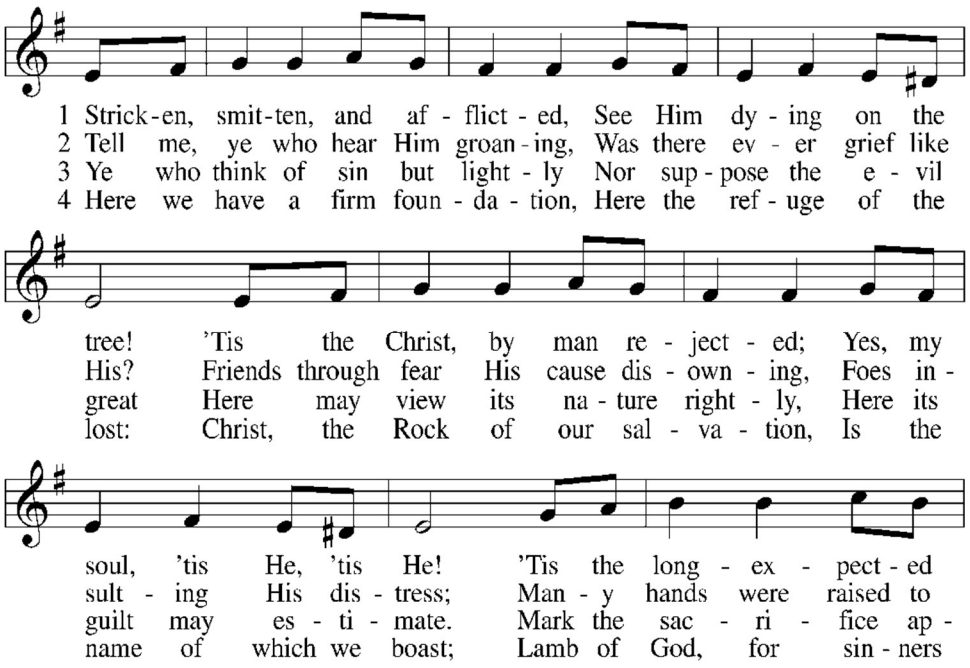
The Apostles' Creed

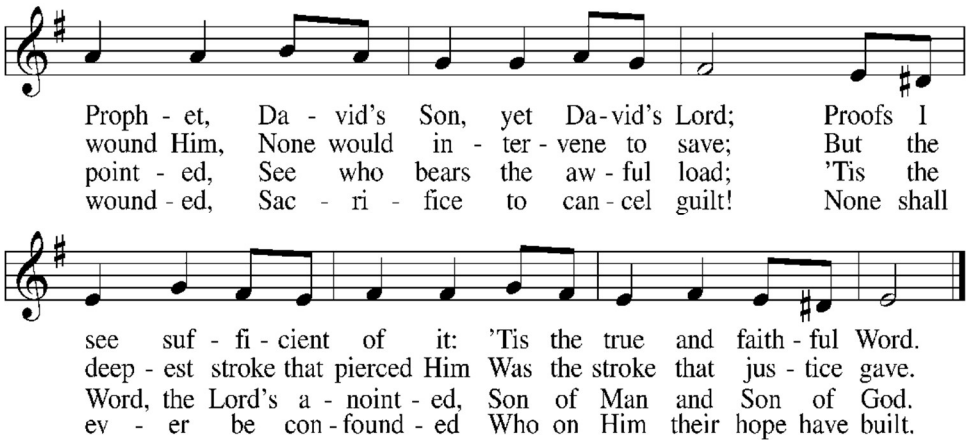
All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*The ancient text: "the holy catholic Church"—Apostles' Creed

(Congregation sits)

Hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" *LBS 451*





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HOMILY *by Rev. Fred Gerlach*

(Congregation stands)

THE OFFERTORY

P: O Lord, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

C: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers: and greatly to be praised and glorified forever!

C: Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We praise and magnify Him forever.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

C: And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted forever.

P: Protect us O Lord, this night.

C: To keep us without sin.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us:

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us:

C: As our trust is in You.

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord:

C: And let my cry come to You.

P: The Almighty and Merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

THE COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Congregation sits)

CHRIST'S SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

P: *"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they do."* Luke 23:34a

R: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; therefore, we flee to Your mercy, seeking Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: The LORD my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, and my strong hold. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sin for Your name's sake. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

(First Candle is extinguished)

P: *"Today you will be with Me in Paradise."* Luke 23:42-43

R: Come, you that are blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

C: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on Earth.

(Second Candle is extinguished)

P: *"Woman, behold Your Son; Behold your mother."* John 19:26-27

R: For we trust that neither death nor life nor angels nor things present nor things to come nor powers nor death or anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

C: Behold this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against and a sword will pierce through your own soul.

(Third Candle is extinguished)

P: *"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me."* Matthew 27:46

R: To be forsaken by God is indeed hellish. We are thankful that He took our place on the cross.

C: Now hear the awful cry, sin's dreadful burden see. My God, My God, the Son shouts, why have You forsaken Me?

(Fourth Candle is extinguished)

P: *"I thirst."* John 19:28

R: 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. In this He shared our humanity.

C: As one of us He dies, sin's pow'r has done its worst. From the cross' real agony He cries a simple word, I thirst.

(Fifth Candle is extinguished)

P: *"It is finished."* John 19:30

R: Jesus' commitment was complete—our sins are paid for totally.

C: It is finished, says the Lord. The burden laid on Him was our sinful thoughts and deeds and words—for which we are totally forgiven.

(Sixth Candle is extinguished)

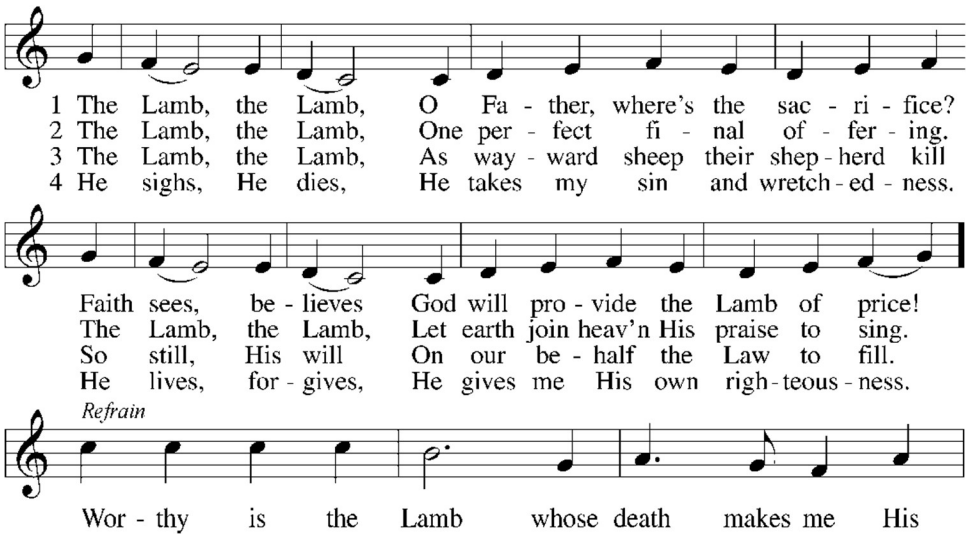
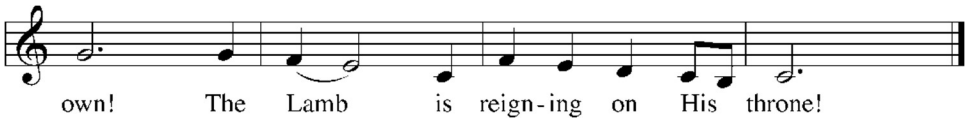
P: *"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit"* Luke 23:46

R: Jesus willingly gave up His spirit to His Father. He humbled Himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name.

C: For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise His own that are in bonds. He is the rock of our salvation.

(Seventh Candle is extinguished)

HYMN **"THE LAMB"** ***LSB 547, STS.1-4***



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The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

The Christ Candle is Removed

The Closing of the Book

The Christ Candle is Returned

The Silent Recessional *Please leave in total silence.*