

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

1:00 pm

(The congregation enters in silence.)

Use these words to meditate upon as you prepare for worship:

We must note in the first place that Christ by His suffering not only saved us from the devil, death, and sin, but also that His suffering is an example, which we are to follow in our suffering...For God has appointed that we should not only believe in the crucified cross, but also be crucified with Him...what is needed is to hold fast and submit oneself to it, as I have said, namely, that one know that we must suffer, in order that we may thus be conformed to Christ, and that it cannot be otherwise, that everyone must have his (her) cross and suffering. When one knows this it is the more easy and bearable, and one can comfort oneself by saying: Very well, if I want to be a Christian, I must also wear the colors of the court; the dear Christ issues no others in His court; suffering must be there...none should dictate or choose his own cross and suffering, but rather when it comes, patiently bear and suffer it.

—Martin Luther, Sermon at Coberg 1530

Musical Reflection

African American Spiritual

Were You There

Arr. , Michele D. Sharik

Bell Duet: Joyce Streater and Kristine Briggs

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, look with mercy on Your family of faith gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.

The Psalmody of the Day (read responsively)

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

²**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.**

³Yet You are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴**Our forefathers put their trust in You; they trusted, and You delivered them.**

⁵They cried out to You and were delivered; they trusted in You and were not put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸**“He trusted in the Lord; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, if he delights in Him.”**

⁹Yet You are He who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to You ever since I was born; You were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹²**Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;***
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and You have laid me in the dust of the grave.

¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones.**

¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;*

they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁸**Be not far away, O Lord; You are my strength; hasten to help me.**

¹⁹Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²⁰**Save me from the lion’s mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

²¹I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

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²²Praise the Lord, you that fear Him; stand in awe of Him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³For He does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does He hide His face from them;* but when they cry to Him He hears them.

²⁴My praise is of Him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship Him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise Him:
"May your heart live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the Lord; He rules over the nations.

²⁸To Him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before Him.

²⁹My soul shall live for Him; my descendants shall serve Him; they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that He has done.

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.

*Hymn *There is a Green Hill Far Away (first tune)* (SBH) No. 77

***Gospel: John 18:1-19:42**

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

The Bidding Prayer (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

P: Let us pray.....

C: (Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God.....We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Bidding Prayers are prayed 9 times)

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

1. There is a green hill far a - way, With - out a cit - y wall,
 2. We may not know, we can - not tell What pains he had to bear,

Where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, Who died to save us all.
 But we be - lieve it was for us He hung and suf - fered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
 He died to make us good;
 That we might go at last to heaven,
 Saved by his precious Blood.

4 There was no other good enough
 To pay the price of sin,
 He only could unlock the gate
 Of heaven, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
 And we must love him too,
 And trust in his redeeming Blood,
 And try his works to do.

*** Lord's Prayer**

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.

***Adoration of the Cross**

The Cross is carried in procession, chant is sung by pastor, response by congregation and the cross is placed before the altar.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

As the procession is halfway to the altar:

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

As the procession ends at the altar:

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

The cross is offered to nail your sin upon.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.

***Solemn Reproaches**

P: O My people, O My church....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: Forty years I led you through the desert....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I planted you as my fairest vine....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: O My people, O My church....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

Period of Silence is kept.

P: O My people, O My church....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I struck down your enemies....and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: O My people, O My church....but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I grafted you into My people Israel, but you made them scape goats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters...and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

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

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Sit for Hymn of Meditation

Ah, Holy Jesus

(SBH) No. 85

Prayer and Response

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C: By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

***Closing Hymn**

Alas! And did my Saviour Bleed

(SBH) No. 486

You may stay as long as you like in silence and meditation, and to offer your prayer on the cross of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

Leave in silence when you wish.

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, That man to
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my

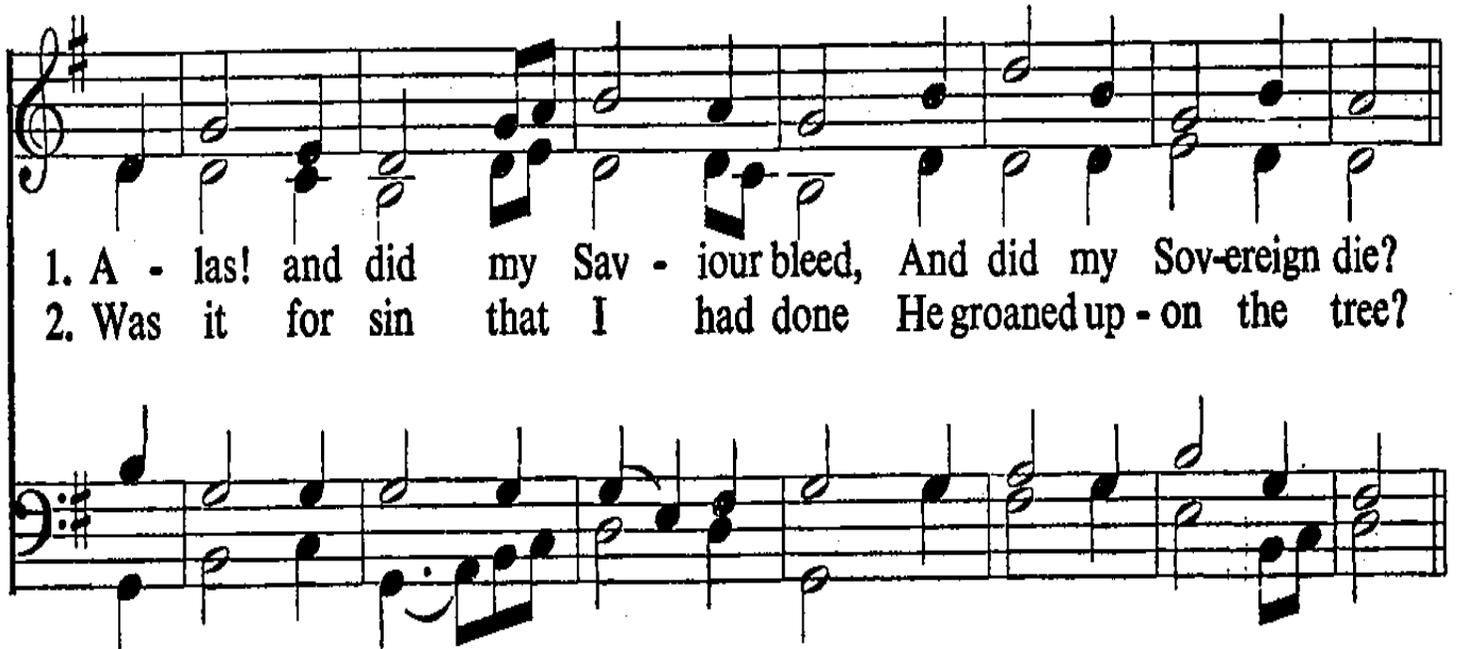
judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
treason, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee. A-men.

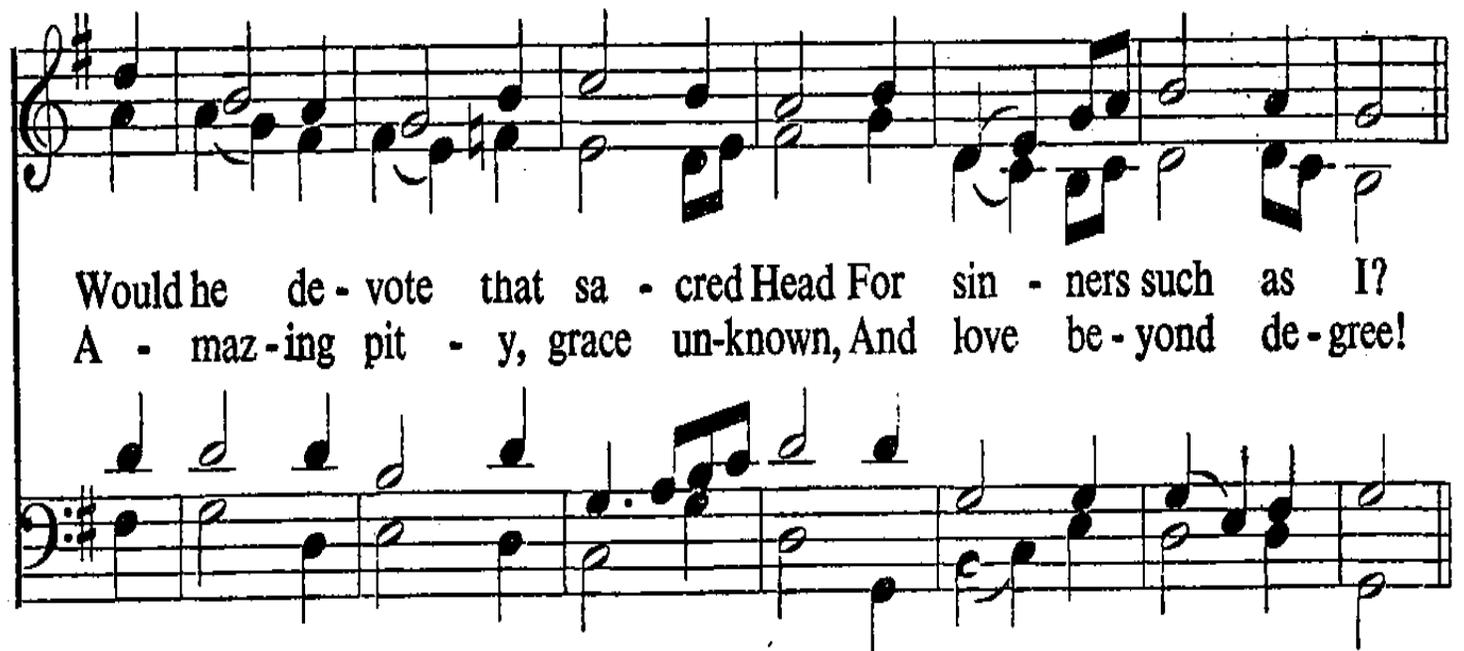
3 Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine Incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion,
For my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving. Amen.



1. A - las! and did my Sav - iour bleed, And did my Sov-ereign die?
2. Was it for sin that I had done He groaned up - on the tree?



Would he de - vote that sa - cred Head For sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, And love be - yond de - gree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While his dear Cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

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Welcome to our Visitors!

The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have any questions or are interested in hearing about membership, please see the pastor or contact the Church Office.

The Lay Reader is: George Salvucci

Please join us:

Sunday, April 12, 2020, The Reurrection of Our Lord, we worship at 10:00 am with the Holy Communion Service.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Good Friday - April 10, 2020

“He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

Isaiah 53:12

What should the story of Jesus' death mean to us, here and now, in the 21st century? To get at the answer we have to start with Good Friday. Why do we call this day “Good Friday”? It was certainly not a good day for our Lord! He is hauled off by the authorities in the dark of night. He was “tried” in a court where his conviction was determined before his arrest. He was stripped, beaten, spat upon, and mocked, all very publicly. He was then forced to carry the instrument of his death out to a hill at the edge of the city, where he would be literally nailed to that cross and left to die. And yet, before he dies, remember that many in the crowd filled these unbearably painful hours of our Lord with even more mocking and disparaging words. And once he finally dies, he is taken, not by his closest disciples, nor by anyone in his family, but by one rich follower and one Pharisee who had visited him, again in darkness, when Jesus uttered his famous words found in John 3:16.

Not for any of the above mentioned events would we call this “Good Friday.” No, the name comes from the outcome of the day. Isaiah foretold this gruesome death in chapters 52 and 53 of his prophecy. The Son of God was not guilty of any sin or crime. He was the only human ever to live on this planet with such a record. Jesus suffered the shame of his trial and death FOR US, for you and for me. Isaiah says, “Surely he has borne our iniquities and carried our diseases... he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.” Only by the atonement purchased with the blood, sweat, tears and agony of Christ are we saved. His sacrifice bought our salvation. For this, and this alone, is this day “Good Friday.”

The great day of celebration comes two days later, with the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a great day of joy, new life, and promise for tomorrow and through the future into eternity. We will join in the shouts of “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” and sing the great hymns of praise, but without the darkness of Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, and the site of crucifixion-there is no Easter, no celebration, no salvation. We must humbly bow before our God and Father and say, “Thank you, Lord, for all that you did for us on Good Friday.” Amen.