

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God forbid that I should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead; by him we are redeemed and set free.

All **May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face shine upon us.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS / ANONYMOUS

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, O my soul! When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

FIRST READING – The Seven Last Words of Christ Luke 23:32-34

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

SONG OF RESPONSE

TRISAGION / FERNANDO ORTEGA

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal one
Have mercy, have mercy on us

SECOND READING

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

SONG OF RESPONSE

BONHOEFFER'S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIEROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace
Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

based on Galatians 6:14

THIRD READING

²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

SONG OF RESPONSE

OPEN MY LIPS / FERNANDO ORTEGA

Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever
Open my lips O Lord
I will sing your praise forever

REFRAIN

*A broken spirit and a contrite heart
These you will not despise*

Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever

FOURTH READING

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

SONG OF REFLECTION

PSALM 22 / MUSIC: SIERRA RITTER

CHORUS (x2)

*My God, my God
Why have You forsaken me*

1. Why are You so far from saving me
From the words of my groaning?
I cry by day but You don't answer
By night I find no rest

CHORUS (x2)

2. Don't be far from me for trouble's near
You my help come quickly to my aid
Deliver my soul from the sword
And the mouth of the lion

BRIDGE

Yet You are Holy Enthroned
on the praises of Israel
In You our Fathers trusted and You delivered them
To You they cried and were rescued,
they were not put to shame

CHORUS (x2)

*My God, my God
You won't turn Your back on me*

FIFTH READING

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

John 19:25-27

Matthew 27:45-46

John 19:30

SONG OF RESPONSE

ALAS, AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED / ISAAC WATTS

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity; Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
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. 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.
Here Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.

CHORUS

*Hallelujah, I'm forgiven.
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven.
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven.*

SIXTH READING

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SONG OF RESPONSE

JESUS PAID IT ALL / ELVINA M. HALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

CHORUS

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow*

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

CHORUS

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow*

SERMON TEXT

- ¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- ² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- ³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

Isaiah 53:1-12

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Nick Locke

The Suffering King

COMMUNION

GUIDELINES: The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.

DIRECTIONS: When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the bread and juice from the servers and return to your seat. Communion will be taken together after the Song of Communion.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION SONG

JERUSALEM / CITYAUGHT

1. See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

2. See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun

And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold
and nail Him down
So that He could save them
3. See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader Let us declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Leader These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

SEVENTH READING

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

All leave in silence.

JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY

10 am - Worship

After the Service - Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch on the patio
(scan the QR code to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to share)



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Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

How shallow former shadows seem
beside this great reverse,
as darkness swallows up the light
of all the universe.
Creation shivers at the shock,
the temple rends its veil.
A pallid stillness stifles time
and nature's motions fail.

This is no midday fantasy,
no flight of fevered brain.
With vengeance awful, grim, and real,
chaos is come again.
The hands that formed us from the soil
are nailed upon the cross.
The Word that gave us life and breath
expires in utter loss.

Yet deep within this darkness lives
a Love so fierce and free,
that arcs all voids and—risk supreme!—embraces agony.
Its perfect testament is etched
in iron, blood, and wood.
With awe we glimpse its true import,
and dare to call it good.

CARL P. DAW, JR.

HOW SHALLOW FORMER SHADOWS SEEM

GOOD FRIDAY

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