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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY

Poem "Beneath the Heavy Sky"

Beneath the heavy sky, you wait for hours.

The weight of sin from millennia past
The weight of sin that would yet come to pass
Sapping your strength that you used for healing.
But do you pledge your wounds for our healing?
Would we have driven the nails had we known?
Could we have known the sentence you would own
Would bring us back, bring us all the way home?

Beneath the heavy sky, you remember
You remember the plan from eons past.
You never gave up, you always held fast.

You pushed back the void in the beginning.
Then you saw our void and had compassion.
You have not changed; today we remember.

Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

**On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

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

Song "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:11

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

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.

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.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

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

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.

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.

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?

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.

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.

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.

Song "Wood and Nails"

New Testament Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-49

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. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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 railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 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. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Meditation Pastor Mike Littell

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for prayer and meditation***