

Good Friday Service of Divine Worship • April 7, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
A Service of Reflection and Meditation

On this day, our Lord and Savior went to the cross, having spent the night in prayer at Gethsemane where He was arrested with the betrayal of Judas and then subjected to six trials throughout the night before the Sanhedrin, Herod and Pilate. After being scourged, He was sentenced to death on a cross as the crowd cried out, “Crucify Him, Crucify Him”... He was led to Golgotha and at noon placed upon the cross where He suffered and redeemed us by providing atonement for our sins. “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.” These were His seven last words spoken from the cross on the Day of Atonement.

– Harry L. Reeder, Pastor / Teacher

Prelude

Daniel Cason

Chiming of the Hour (12 chimes)

Call to Worship

Bruce Stallings

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ’s sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn 185

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective
Good Friday
“The Seven Words of the Cross”

The First Narrative

Matthew 26:36-58

“Jesus Paid It All” Hymn 210

The Second Narrative

John 18:12-14, Matthew 26:59-68 (read responsively)

“There Is a Fountain” Hymn 196, vv. 1,3, and 5

The Third Narrative

John 18:15-27

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Trinity Hymnal
Cindy Reeder, soloist

The Fourth Narrative

Matthew 27:1-24

Silent Meditation and Reflection

The Fifth Narrative

Mark 15:16-32

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Carrie Turner, soloist

The Sixth Narrative

Luke 23:32-43, John 19:23-27, Matthew 27:45-56, John 19:28-30, Luke 23:46-49

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?” Hymn 208 (vv. 1, 2 & 5)

The Seventh Narrative

John 19:31-42

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Hymn 183

The Assurance of Pardon

“Blessed Assurance” Hymn 345 (vv. 1, 3)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission – all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

Benediction*

Pastor Harry Reeder

Prior to the beginning of the Sabbath, Jesus was removed from the cross, Laid in a new tomb by Joseph of Arimitha and Nicodemus. The tomb was sealed and a Roman guard placed before it. While He rests in the grave on the Sabbath the Resurrection, a victory, is coming. See you Sunday... Because He lives! With reflection and meditation, let us leave in silence, yet with anticipation of Resurrection Sabbath.