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Good Friday



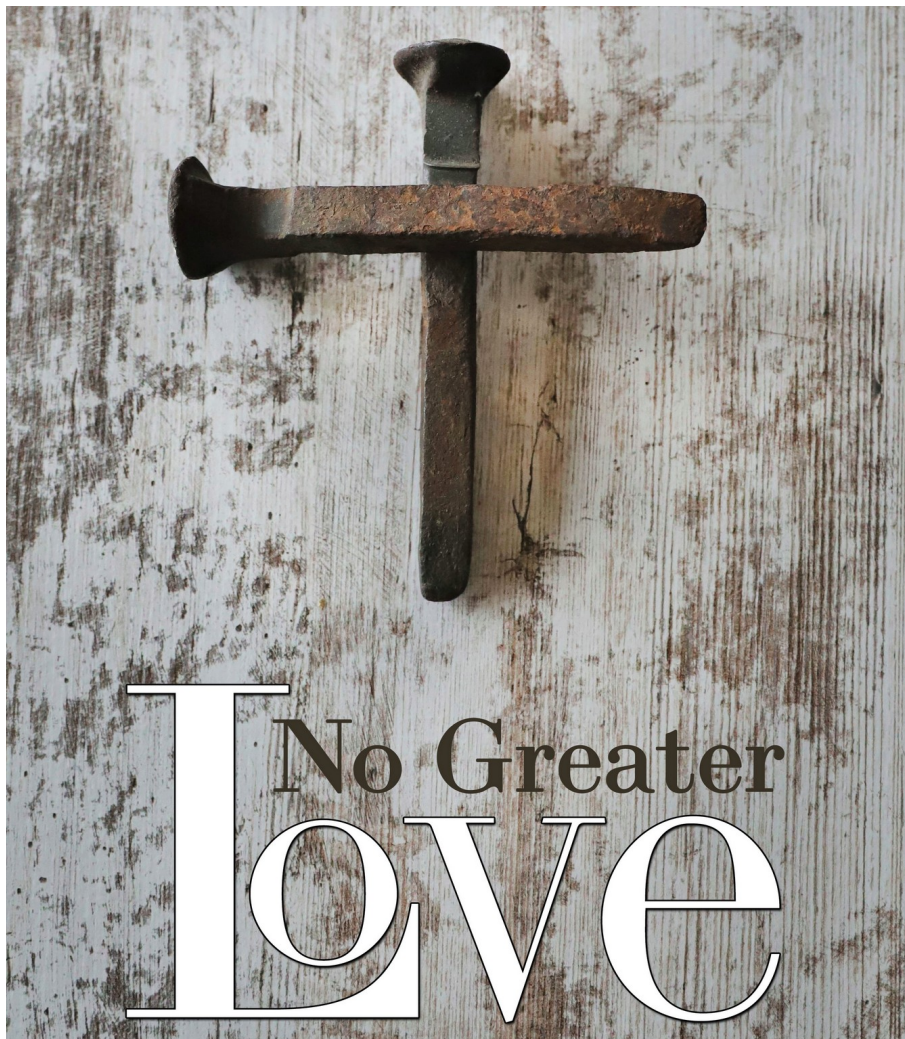
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

Good Friday is very different than a funeral. At a funeral, we celebrate the blessings of someone's earthly life. But we also we mourn the fact of their death. Their death is something we wish we could forget. In the case of Jesus, his death is the very thing we gather to celebrate and remember. In fact, we prolong the remembrance. We dwell on the details. We even call this day "good." For we know why Jesus willingly endured the agony of the cross. It wasn't a tragic miscarriage of justice. Jesus suffered this punishment vicariously. He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Because he did, we are now right with our holy God. Jesus' punishment is our peace.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-14 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn TLH 171 (1-4, 6, 8-9) – Upon the Cross Extended

Invocation Matthew 28:19b

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P We gather before God, remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love—that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have denied our Lord.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have betrayed our Lord.

C Christ our Savior has died for our sins. Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of our crucified Savior Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

...who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ 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. 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; 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.

First Word

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.

P Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (1) – The Seven Words

1. Their nails were freshly driven,
their hatred clearly shown,
when, “Let them be forgiven,”
was heard in heaven’s throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus,
you loved beyond degree,
a love so pure and precious
it even pardoned me.

Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ 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!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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.”

P Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (2) – The Seven Words

2. On you, my King, depending,
I'm rid of all my sins!
My final day here ending,
my first in heav'n begins.
As you have truly spoken,
in paradise I'll be,
with you in bliss unbroken--
you will remember me.

Third Word

John 19:25-27

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.

P Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (3) – The Seven Words

3. A Savior like no other,
all self-concern denied,
you served your grieving mother
while you were crucified
My sin had made me filthy,
but you, the perfect child,
were designated guilty,
and I am reconciled.

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-46

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?”

P Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (4) – The Seven Words

4. Condemned, cut off, forsaken,
outside the Father’s care,
by terror overtaken,
no ear would hear your prayer.
On you God’s wrath was vented,
on you his fury fell,
when, on the cross tormented,
you took my place in hell.

Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

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.

P Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (5) – The Seven Words

5. My Lord, in death's dark valley,
both soul and body drained,
one drink would help you rally
what little strength remained
to raise your voice in vict'ry
to sound your foe's defeat--
the highest point in hist'ry--
my rescue was complete.

Sixth Word

John 19:30

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

P Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (6) – The Seven Words

6. Though sin's most lethal wages
to me, O Christ, were due,
the guilt of all the ages
came crashing down on you.
Most surely, "It is finished"--
my debt is fully paid;
my joy is undiminished;
my heart is unafraid.

Seventh Word

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.

P Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

CW 436 (7) – The Seven Words

7. My death will be triumphant
no matter how I die;
Lord Jesus, in that instant
escort my soul on high
into my Father's keeping,
all-blameless and all-blest,
like waking up from sleeping,
his hands my place of rest.

Sermon Text

Seven Last Words from the Cross



Sermon

Meditation on the Seven Last Words

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered

and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

TLH 170 – O Perfect Life of Love!

General Prayer

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.**

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

TLH 146 - Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the
cross didst suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low -
ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer. All sins Thou
bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
3 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!

Post Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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TLH 171 (1-4, 6, 8-9) – Upon the Cross Extended

Heb. 9: 28

O Welt, sieh hier dein Leben

Paul Gerhardt, 1648, cento

Tr., John Kelly, 1867, alt.

7. 7. 6. 7. 7. 8.

(SECOND TUNE)

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Heinrich Isaak, c. 1490

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, See, world, thy Lord sus - pend - ed,
 Thy Sav - ior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heav - en
 Him-self hath free-ly giv - en To shame and blows and bitter death. A-men.

- 2 Come hither now and ponder,
 'Twill fill thy soul with wonder,
 Blood streams from every pore.
 Through grief whose depth none
 knoweth,
 From His great heart there floweth
 Sigh after sigh of anguish o'er.
- 3 Who is it that hath bruised Thee?
 Who hath so sore abused Thee
 And caused Thee all Thy woe?
 While we must make confession
 Of sin and dire transgression,
 Thou deeds of evil dost not know.
- 4 I caused Thy grief and sighing
 By evils multiplying
 As countless as the sands.
 I caused the woes unnumbered
 With which Thy soul is cumbered,
 Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.
- 6 The load Thou takest on Thee,
 That pressed so sorely on me,
 It crushed me to the ground.
 The cross for me enduring,
 The crown for me securing,
 My healing in Thy wounds is found.
- 8 Thy cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to Thee forever,
 I am no longer mine.
 To Thee I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to Thee resign.
- 9 Thy cross I'll place before me,
 Its saving power be o'er me,
 Wherever I may be;
 Thine innocence revealing,
 Thy love and mercy sealing,
 The pledge of truth and constancy.

TLH 170 – O Perfect Life of Love!

John 19: 30
Henry W. Baker, 1875

S. M.

Southwell
"Psalter"
William Daman, 1579



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scriptures have ful - filled.
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that tender heart. A - men.



4 And on His thorn - crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.

5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all - atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In every time of need,
Before the judgment - throne,
Thy works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

TLH 175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gal, 6: 14

Isaac Watts, 1707, *ab. and alt.*

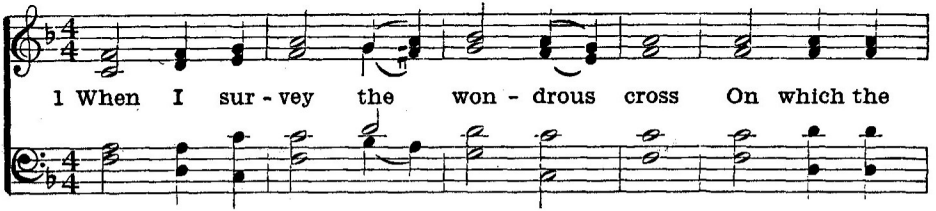
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(FIRST TUNE)

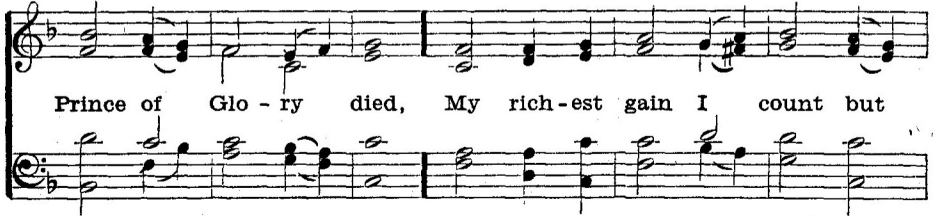
Hamburg

Based on *First Gregorian Chant*

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I count but



loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride. A - men.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Save in the death of Christ, my God; Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
All the vain things that charm me most, Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
I sacrifice them to His blood. Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



