

As we gather for Good Friday:

Tonight's service continues our observation of our Lord and Savior's passion, including His Last Supper, arrest, trials, flogging, crucifixion and death. Traditionally this service has been seen as the second part of a continuing service that includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. As we remember Jesus' trials, sufferings and death, we do so with a restrained joy. The mood is more somber and contemplative as we remember tonight that those in Jerusalem inadvertently spoke for all of us in saying, "His blood be on us and on our children!" It was each of us, including you dear reader, who are responsible for Jesus' death as it was our guilt He bore. Yet there is also joy in knowing that our Lord endured all of this willingly in order to pay for our guilt and defeat sin and death for our salvation.

In keeping with the mood of tonight's service, we will be following the order of service as written inside your bulletin. While there is indeed great joy in Christ's victory on the cross, our service retains the somber reflection that it is our guilt that put Him there. Therefore we ask that all enter and leave the service in SILENCE. Also, in keeping with the more restrained mood, rather than taking a regular offering, the offering plate has been placed in the Narthex. Please leave your thank offerings to our Savior there either as you enter or leave the service tonight.

Serving us today:

Rev. Dr. John Hellwege- Preacher and Celebrant

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes - Cantor

Mr. Chad Rolland - Usher

Mrs. Karen Rolland- Organist

Good Friday

April 2, 2010



The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Propers for Good Friday

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Ÿ. Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

℞. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

Ÿ. Let us pray... through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℞. **Amen**

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Ÿ. Let us pray... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℞. **Amen**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (Hymn 440, stanza 1)

Ÿ. The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Reading: John 18:1-11 (Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 1)

Reading: John 18:12-27 (Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 2)

Reading: John 18:28-40 (Jesus before Pilate)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 3)

Reading: John 19:1-16a (Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 4)

Stand

Reading: John 19:16b-24 (The Crucifixion of Jesus)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 5)

Reading: John 19:25-30 (Jesus' Mother and His Death)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 6)

Reading: John 19:31-42 (Jesus' Side Is Pierced)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hymn 450, stanza 7)

Silence

Sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 438

Stand

BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENTENCE

Ÿ. Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world

℞. **O come, let us worship Him.**

[Sentence and response are recited three times]

REPROACHES

Ÿ. Thus says the Lord... O Lord, have mercy.

℞. **Lamb of God, pure and holy,**

Who on the cross didst suffer,

Ever patient and lowly,

Thyself to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou borest for us,

Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

[There are three reproaches, each followed by the same response]

℞. **We adore You, | O Lord,***

and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.

For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*

joy has come into | all the world.

God be merciful to us and | bless us,*

and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.

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and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.

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joy has come into | all the world.

HYMN: 454: 1-4

Ÿ. Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

℞. **Amen**

HYMN: 455

As we leave in somber silence, leave also knowing that the same Lord of Life who died, also defeated death. Therefore we invite you to join us again on Sunday at 10:30a.m., when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the fullness of His victory over sin, death and the power of the devil with full and unrestrained joy.