

Worship Service for Good Friday April 7, 2023

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Silence

*Opening Prayer

O Lord, look with mercy on this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Scripture Reading: John 18:1-40

Silence

Choral Anthem: "O Love, How Deep"

Paul Taylor

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and reconciliation; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Response: "What Wondrous Love is This"

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The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-42

Silence

Our Response

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Choral Anthem: "God So Loved the World"

Lloyd Larson

Sermon: At the Cross

Silent Meditation

*Song: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

LUYH 168

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear the prayers of your people, and forgive our sins, for you are kind.

Lord, Creator of the world, you judge righteously, deliver us from evil by your Right Hand, and forgive our sins, for you are kind.

By your Cross you purchased for yourself a people from the nations, graciously blot out the sins of all, O Christ, and forgive our sins, for you are kind.

You called on the Father, and asked him to forgive. Forgive our debts, and loosen our bonds, and forgive our sins, for you are kind.
You promised the rest of Paradise to the thief.
Help the penitents who are bound, and forgive our sins, for you are kind.
Amen.

Mozarabic Breviary, 574. Freely modified from Devotions from Ancient and Medieval Sources (Western), ed. Rev. Charles Plummer, 1916.

LUYH 148

*Song: "My Song is Love Unknown"

Prayer

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silence

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LUYH 175

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

*Song: "Before the Throne of God Above"

"Man of Sorrows, What a Name"

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Dismissal and Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Depart in Silence

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

Participants:

Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher Jean Schuitman, Organist Jan Zuidema, Pianist

We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.