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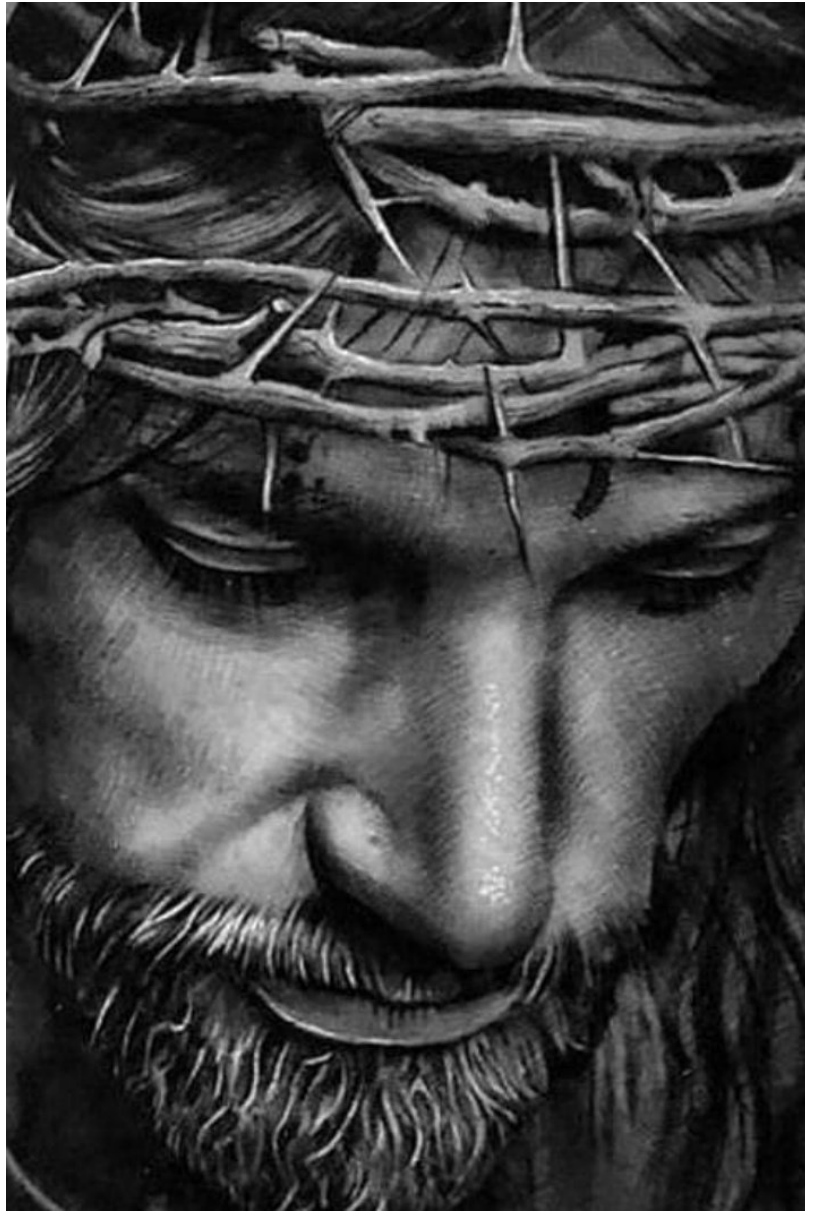


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The Good Friday Downtown Midday Services

12pm Service

PRELUDE

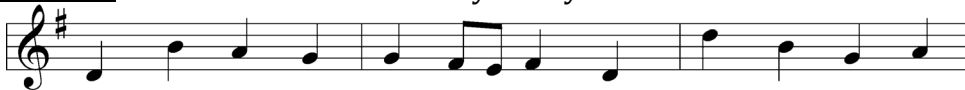
“Were You There?”

Gordon Young

OPENING HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435 v. 1-3



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Betrayal*

Prophecy: "Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me." (*Psalm 41:9*)

Fulfillment: **Jesus answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me."** (*Matthew 26:23*)

Prophecy: Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. (*Zechariah 11:12*)

Fulfillment: **Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.** (*Matthew 26:14-15*)

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 1

♪ **O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

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THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Betrayal Continues*

Prophecy: Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"— the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter. (*Zechariah 11:13*)

Fulfillment: **And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple... they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers.** (*Matthew 27:5-7*)

Prophecy: "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." (*Zechariah 13:7*)

Fulfillment: **And they all left him and fled.** (*Mark 14:50*)

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 2

♪ **How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW Pt I Matthew 27:22-31 *(Jesus is sentenced to be crucified)*

²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436 v. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

SERMON

"I Thirst for You"

John 19:28

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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VOLUNTARY

"What Wondrous Love"

Karl Osterland

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THE GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Pastor: How courageously you faced the hour of your betrayal. How you gave, even when you were being taken away to die. To your father, you gave your obedience. To your disciples, you gave a plea for their escape. To your betrayer, you gave a kind word. To your enemy, you gave your healing. To your captures, you gave your own life. Give also to us, Lord, we beg. For we, like Peter, have defended you carelessly. Like Mark, we've hidden in the bushes in the moment of truth. Like James, we ran. But if we looked in the recesses of our heart, buried in shame, we will find ourselves all too much like Judas, betraying you... even with a kiss.

People: **O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ unto death on the cross. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your holy Church that we may winsomely confess the dying love of Christ to all people; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

THE ANTHEM

The Lutheran Choralaires

THE CLOSING HYMN

“Were You There?”

LSB 456 v. 1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh . . .



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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Join us in our celebration of the

Festival of the Resurrection at 7:30am/ 9:00am/ 11:00am on Easter Sunday.

THE INTERLUDE

“O Sacred Head”

Johannes Brahms

12:45pm Service

THE OPENING HYMN

"Drawn to the Cross"

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Trial*

Prophecy: "Ruthless witnesses come forward; they question me on things I know nothing about." (*Psalms 35:11*)

Fulfillment: Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. (*Matthew 26:59*)

Prophecy: "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." (*Isaiah 53:7*)

Fulfillment: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge. (*Matthew 27:12-14*)

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 3

♪ What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Mocking*

Prophecy: "I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting." (*Isaiah 50:6*)

Fulfillment: Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"
(*Matthew 26:67-68*)

Prophecy: "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!'" (*Psalms 22:7-8*)

Fulfillment: And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him... (saying) "He trusts in God. Let God rescue him." (*Matthew 27:31,43*)

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 4

♪ **My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.**

THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: O God, merciful Father, because You do not despise contrite hearts and have mercy on the sorrowful, graciously hear our prayers in the midst of our troubles and adversities. Frustrate the way of wickedness; guard us from evil angels and sharpen our defenses against the cunning craft of the Adversary. Increase our faith that we may boldly engage in being Your servants in action and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE ANTHEM

The Lutheran Choralaires

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW Pt II Matthew 27:32-44
(*Jesus is crucified*)

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means

Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON HYMN

"Upon the Cross Extended"

LSB 453 v. 1-4



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

THE SERMON

“He Was Finished”

John 19:30

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
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VOLUNTARY

“O Dearest Jesus”

Helmut Walcha

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THE GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Man of Sorrows, Who, with the weight of your body pulling against those nails and the weight of the world's sin pulling against your soul, You thought more of the sorrows of others than your own. You, Lord, Who was stripped of everything, yet still found so much to give; To your executioners, forgiveness; To a thief, Paradise; To your mother, a son. Even the tortures of a cruel Roman cross couldn't distract you from giving and forgiving. In spite of you suffering, still you cared, still you gave, still you put the needs of others before Your own. Grant us the grace, O Jesus, to see at the cross such a picture of love that we would never forget the depth of your love. Help us never to forget, Lord, that this is where we need to be... near the cross, beholding our Savior. For this is the fountain where love is most pure. This is where we are cleansed, not only from our sin but from our shallowness. This is where we are closest to You. For this is where love is. And this is where we need to be.

People: **O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Open our eyes, Lord, the shadow of Your Son's cross surrounds all our world. Stir our souls, Lord, that we may pursue with renewed strength the paths You have laid for us. Lead us, Lord, that when our last hour comes, we may be commended into Your loving hands.

People: **♪ Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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THE INTERLUDE

“O Sacred Head”

Josef Rheinberger

1:30pm Service

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THE ANTHEM

The Lutheran Choralaires

OPENING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 425 v. 1-3



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Crucifixion*

Prophecy: "For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet." (*Psalm 22:16*)

Fulfillment: And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him. (*Luke 23:33*)

Prophecy: "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." (*Isaiah 53:12*)

Fulfillment: Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. (*Matthew 27:38*)

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 5

♪ What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Crucifixion Continues*

Prophecy: "My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off." (*Psalm 38:11*)

Fulfillment: And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. (*Luke 23:49*)

Prophecy: "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." (*Psalm 22:18*)

Fulfillment: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." (*John 19:23-24*)

THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

People: ♪ Amen.

VERSE

LSB 450 v. 7

♪ Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED *The Death*

Prophecy: "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken." (*Psalms 24:20*)

Fulfillment: But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. (*John 19:33*)

Prophecy: "And on that day," declares the Lord GOD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight." (*Amos 8:9*)

Fulfillment: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. (*Matthew 27:45*)

Prophecy: "And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death." (*Isaiah 53:9*)

Fulfillment: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. (*Matthew 27:57-60*)

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW Pt III

Matthew 27:45-54

(*Jesus dies*)

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?"

⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

THE SERMON HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

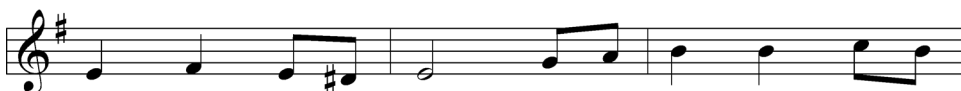
LSB 451 v. 1-3



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in-
great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
sult-ing His dis-tress; Man-y hands were raised to
guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-



Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in-ter-vene to save; But the
point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.
deep-est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus-tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

THE SERMON

“Commending Ourselves to God”

Luke 23:46

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor
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VOLUNTARY

“Come, Sweet Death”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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THE BIDDING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the Adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere and the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- P** Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those who adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- P** O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Joseph Biden, our President; Gretchen Whitmer, our Governor; the House and Senate; the governments of this nation; and all who have authority over us; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- A** Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P** O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**
- A** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.**

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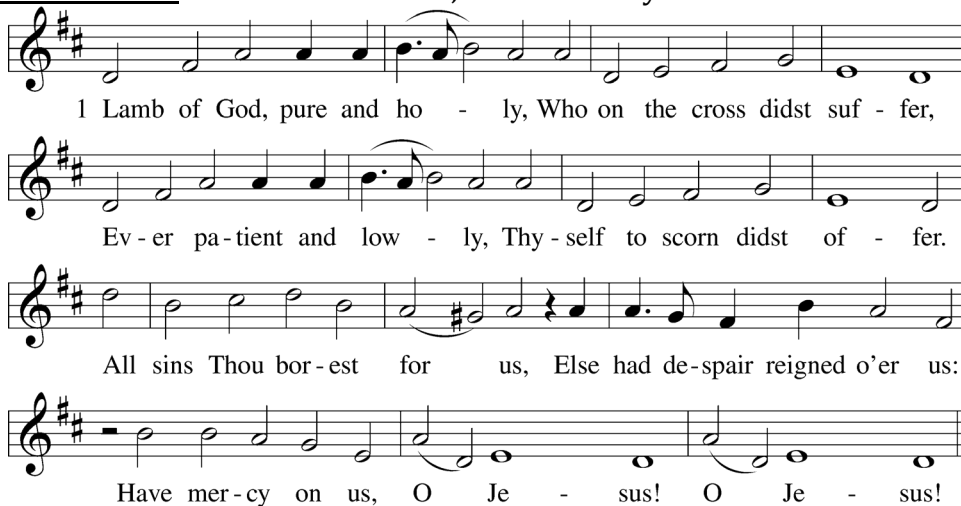
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THE CLOSING HYMN

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

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1 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:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete. The story is not yet over.
Join us in our celebration of the
Festival of the Resurrection at 7:30am/ 9:00am/ 11:00am on Easter Sunday.*

○ Lord, holy Father, show us what kind of man it is who is hanging for our sakes on the cross, whose suffering causes the rocks themselves to crack and crumble with compassion, whose death brings the dead back to life. Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him. Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering. Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies. And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.

~St. Bonaventura (1217-1274)

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