

GOOD FRIDAY ~ \* ~ APRIL 15, 2022

*“It is finished.”*

John 19:30, ESV



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*If it is uncomfortable for you stand where indicated,  
please feel free to remain seated.*



*This service of progressive darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It is based on the ancient Tenebrae Service used by the church since approximately the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The silence and darkness of this service reflects the gloom of Good Friday. On that day even the sun hid its face. Yet the one candle that will remain at the end of tonight's service reminds us of what is written in John's gospel: The light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*please stand in body or spirit*

Procession of the Cross

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*(As the cross is brought forward the dialog is repeated three times)*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn

"There in God's Garden"

#342 (vs. 1-5)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*please be seated*

Bidding Prayer

*As we gather at the foot of the cross, we join centuries of Christians who have offered these intercessions up in prayer. An invitation to prayer (the bid) will be offered, followed by generous silence for your prayers and meditations. Each bid will then be concluded with a final prayer:*

...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#666

*please be seated*

The Seven Last Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The First Word

*Father, forgive them*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:3

Passion History

Luke 23:32 - 38

Hymn

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" (vs. 1-2)

#339

The Second Word

*Today you shall be with me*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:12

Passion History

Luke 23:39 - 43

Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs. 1-3)

#337

The Third Word

*Woman, behold your son*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:10 - 11

Passion History

John 19:23 - 27

Special Music

The Fourth Word

*My God, my God, why*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:6

Passion History

Matthew 27:45 - 47

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs-1-2)

#351

The Fifth Word

*I thirst*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:7

Passion History

John 19:28-29 & Mark 15:36

Hymn

"Where You There" (vs. 1-3)

#353

The Sixth Word

*It is finished*

Prophecy

Isaiah 53:4 - 5

Passion History

John 19:30

Hymn

"Were You There" (vs. 4-5)

#353

The Seventh Word	<i>Father, into your hands</i>
Prophecy	Isaiah 53:8-9
Passion History	Luke 23:44 - 46 & Matthew 27:50 - 54

The Light of Christ Is Carried into the Tomb

*A Time of Silence and Meditation in Darkness*

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

The Light of Christ is Returned

The Light of Hope  
1 John 1:5 - 9  
John 1:1 - 5

Silent Recessional



*Please depart in silence.*