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Good Friday 2021

*Welcome to our Good Friday
Worship Service
St. John's Lutheran Church
Neillsville, WI
April 2, 2021*

"Welcome Visitors & Members!" To those who are visiting us, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

To assist you in worship, please be aware that personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers.

Ringling of the Bell

Handbells Ring

Call to Worship

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

C: Call on him while he is near.

P: Let the wicked forsake his way

C: And the evil man his thoughts.

P: Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him

C: And to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Confessions and Absolution

P: Who may appear in your presence, heavenly Father, and who may call on you for help?

C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart; he shall receive blessings from the Lord.

P: Precious Savior, the darkness of your hours on the cross surrounds us. We sense what you experienced as you faced the dreadful assaults of Satan as our substitute. We are awed by the commitment to your Father, and to us, that drove you on to the cross to die. Confident that in you we will find help in our time of need, we come to make confession of our sins.

C: O most holy and righteous Savior and Lord, I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify to the evil that lurks within. Though I try to drown my old Adam with his evil deeds and desires by daily contrition and repentance, yet he continues to overcome me. Hear my cry for mercy. Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious blood and your innocent suffering and death.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Prayer

P: Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored.

C: Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

¹³Look, my Servant will succeed.

He will rise. He will be exalted. He will be highly exalted.

¹⁴Just as many were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form was more disfigured than any other person—

¹⁵so he will sprinkle many nations.

Because of him, kings will shut their mouths.

For they will see something they had never been told before.

Something they had never heard before they will understand.

Who has believed our report,

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a shoot

and like a root from dry soil.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

We saw him, but nothing about his appearance made us desire
him.

³He was despised and rejected by men,

a man who knew grief

and was acquainted with suffering.

Like someone that people cannot bear to look at
he was despised,

and we thought nothing of him.

⁴Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,

and he was carrying our sufferings,

but we thought he was stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But, in fact, he was pierced because of our rebellious deeds.

He was crushed because of our guilt.

The punishment to bring us peace was upon him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray.

Each of us has turned to his own way,

but the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth.

Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that is silent in the presence of her shearers,

so he did not open his mouth.

⁸He was taken away without protection and without justice.

Who of his generation even cared?

Yes, he was cut off from the land of the living.

Because of the rebellion of my people he was stricken.

⁹They intended to make his grave with the wicked,

but he was with the rich in his death,

because he had done no violence,

and no deceit was in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him.

He made him suffer.

When you make his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will lengthen his days,

and the Lord's pleasure will succeed in his hand.

¹¹After the anguish of his soul he will see the light of life.

He will provide full satisfaction.

By knowledge of him my just Servant will justify the many,

for he himself carried their guilt.

¹²Therefore I will give him a share among the great,

and with the strong he will share plunder,

because he poured out his life to death,

and he let himself be counted with rebels,

and he himself bore the sin of many,

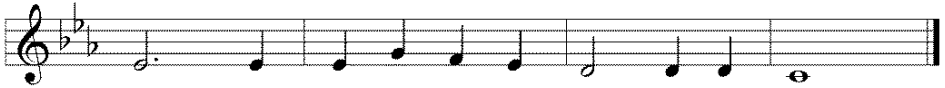
and he intercedes for the rebels.

Psalm 22

Refrain



Be - hold the Lamb, be - hold the Lamb of



God, who takes a - way the sin of the world.

Psalm Tone



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7:26-28

²⁶This is certainly the kind of high priest we needed: one who is holy, innocent, pure, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices on a daily basis, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. In fact, he sacrificed for sins once and for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses. But the word of the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been brought to his goal forever.

Verse of the Day: Isaiah 53:4

Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings, but we thought he was stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Gospel Reading: John 19:17-30

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews."

²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that 'this man said, "I am the King of the Jews.'""

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Instead, let's cast lots to see who gets it." This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

*They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.*

So the soldiers did these things.

*²⁵Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and
Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.*

*²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved
standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your
son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And
from that time this disciple took her into his own home.*

*²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and
to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."*

*²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge
soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.*

*³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!"
Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.*

***Congregational Response: All we like sheep have gone astray,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his
wounds we are healed.***

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Were You There



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.
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Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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Text: African-American spiritual, 19th century, abr.

Tune: WERE YOU THERE (10 10 14 10) African-American spiritual, 19th century, alt.

Sermon Text: Luke 23:32-34

Sermon Theme: Nail-pierced Hands

³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

Responsive Prayer

P: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

P: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming to earth so that we could be with you forever in paradise.

C: For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.

P: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in paradise.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we offer our personal thanks for the forgiveness that you have given us and for the home that you have won for us.

Silent prayer.

P: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly kneel at the cross in awe of your power and of your love. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

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Oh, Darkest Woe



1 Oh, dark - est woe! O tears, forth flow! Has
 2 Oh, sor - row dread! God's Son is dead! But
 3 Lo, stained with blood, The Lamb of God, The
 4 How blest shall be E - ter - nal - ly Who
 5 O Je - sus blest, My Help and Rest, With



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
 by his ex - pi - a - tion Of our guilt up -
 Bride - groom, lies be - fore you, Pour - ing out his
 oft in faith will pon - der Why the glo - rious
 tears I now en - treat you: Make me love you



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
 on the cross Gained for us sal - va - tion.
 life that he May to life re - store you.
 Prince of life Should be bur - ied yon - der.
 to the last Till in heav'n I greet you.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, st. 1; Johann Rist, 1607–67, st. 2-5, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3-5, alt.; composite, st. 2.

Tune: O TRAURIGKEIT, O HERZELEID (44 776) *Himmliche Harmony*, Mainz, 1628, alt.

(please stand)

Benediction

Grades K-8 sing "The Burial"-(congregation may be seated)

- 1. Gently, we took His body down, wrapped the spice and linen 'round, our Lord.
Tenderly took the crown of thorn, from the head that took the scorn; Jesus, our Lord.**
- 2. Mary, and Mary Magdalene, saw the final bitter scene, of our Lord.
Carefully watched all that was done, to the Savior and the Son; Jesus, our Lord.**
- 3. Love made Him carry all our sin, and with love we carried Him, our Lord.
In the tomb He laid at rest, with our tears upon His breast; Jesus, our Lord.**
- 4. There was no more we could do, there was no more we could say. So we covered His dear face, rolled the heavy stone in place. Then we walked away.**

Tolling of the Bell *(please stand when the children's song is finished and remain standing)*

When the tolling of the bell is finished, you may dismiss yourselves.





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