

GOOD FRIDAY

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED ONCE FOR ALL TIME

The congregation is asked to enter the sanctuary in silence and spend time in meditation.

A Prayer upon Entering the Church:

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love. Because of our sinfulness, you sacrificed your only precious Son on the cross at Calvary. Direct our eyes to that cross where we might find rest and comfort for our souls. May the Holy Spirit abide with us that he might continue to strengthen our faith in the Lamb of God. Amen.

Chimes

John 19:17-30

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

“They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there,

so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn 128 Not All the Blood of Beasts

Psalm 2

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: **And the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: **Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

M: “Let us break their chains,” they say,

C: **“And throw off their fetters.”**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: **The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: **“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: **He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: **The ends of the earth your possession.**

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: **You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: **Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

M: Serve the LORD with fear

C: **And rejoice with trembling.**

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness— so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

M: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**All: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

M: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Women: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

Men: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

M: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Men: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Women: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

M: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

C: Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

M: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

C: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

M: In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

C: Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Prayer of the Day

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Choir: Who is Jesus?

The Congregation leaves in silence to return on Easter Sunday morning in joy.