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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 30, 2018

Good Friday



NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICE:

- ❖ Good Friday is not a funeral for Christ.
 - It is a day for repentance.
 - It is the day He, the sacrificial Lamb, took our sin into himself.
 - It is a day for restrained praise for the forgiveness and salvation He accomplished for us on the cross.

- ❖ The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Maundy Thursday, symbolic of Christ being deserted, abandoned even by His Father.

- ❖ This year's service focuses upon:
 - The Passover (Exodus 12:1-13)
 - The Passion of our Lord – The reading of Mark 15
 - The Sermon – “Agnus Dei” (Exodus 12:1-13)

- ❖ We depart in silence; we anticipate the dawn of Easter morning.

- ❖ Offerings are placed in the baskets in the narthex.



VERSICLES

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday of the fulfillment of our Father's covenant promise to deliver us.

Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of commitment to Your Father's will born of Your love for us.

As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins, of our willful rebellion against Your holy commandments.

Dear Father, we confess that we have turned away from You in our thinking, speaking and doing.

We live for ourselves. We refuse to bear the burdens of others.

We have much. You have given us all. We share little.

Lord God, we try to hide from you and from one another.

We confess our fatal attractions, our enslavement to this world's allurements, and our neglect to give ourselves to the people You have brought to our lives.

We cannot blame the strength of our temptations, the weakness of our nature, or place the blame on other people.

We can only say,

“For the sake of Jesus, O Lord God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

† *A moment of silent reflection* †

By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. O God, make your face shine upon us.

Only then will we be saved. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

452 *“O Perfect Life of Love”* (1, 2, 4, 6)

ISAIAH 52:13–53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind – ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;

**he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.**

³He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,

and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;

and as for his generation,

who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring;

he shall prolong his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge

shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore 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;

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?

There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin’s poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Mark 15: 1–39

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

This is the Passion of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."

SERMON "Agnus Dei" (Exodus 12:5-6)



HYMN

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

PRAYER

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.



The congregation leaves in silence, without receiving a benediction to mark the service as incomplete, as we anticipate the dawn of our Lord's resurrection.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

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Worship continues Easter Sunday with Holy Communion

Sunrise Service	6:00am
Festival Worship	8:00am
Festival Worship	10:15am