

Good Friday Service
April 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm
“He Alone is the Sacrifice”

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *“The Messiah”* tune 445

The Messiah brought new life to All the people that are His
Giving hope and joy abounding By the grace He freely gives
He has always been and will be Forever the God and Lord.
He will be forever Holy And the only God adored.

The Messiah born of Mary Son of God and Son of Man
I'm the Healer of the nations Fulfilling the Father's Plan!
“I Am, Who I Am” Almighty “I Am, Who I Am” the King!
I will rule in heaven always As the Shepherd of My sheep.

The Messiah King of Israel He is present everywhere
Yet He gave His life as ransom On a Cross that was not fair
He was sacrificed for all sin He alone could pay the price
That was needed for salvation He's the Holy sacrifice!

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

- P: Surely He has borne our griefs and sorrows; **C:** *Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*
- P: The punishment of all mankind fell upon our Lord **C:** *The pain and anguish of us all fell upon Him alone!*
- P: The depth of grief knew no bounds for our Lord **C:** *He carried the sins of all mankind upon Himself!*
- P: He bore our iniquities and carried our sorrows **C:** *He suffered the anguish so we could be cleansed!*
- P: He alone could free us from sin. **C:** *He alone could remove the guilt and grant us a way to salvation.*
- P: He was the Sacrificial Lamb, the very price **C:** *Needed so we could hear His voice and be His own.*
- P: Our Lord endured the Cross and it's shame **C:** *To open for us the door to heaven. He alone had the means!*

Collect: 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: humble our hearts, open our minds, and crush our spirits, so we always know the depth of the sacrifice our Lord made on our behalf; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Offerings brought to the altar

Psalmody: *Psalm 22: 1-21*

P: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? **C:** *Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?*

P: O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. **C:** *Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.*

P: In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. **C:** *They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.*

P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. **C:** *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.*

P: Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast. **C:** *From birth I was cast upon You; from my mother's womb You have been my God.*

P: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. **C:** *Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.*

P: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. **C:** *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.*

P: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. **C:** *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.*

P: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. **C:** *I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.*

P: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. **C:** *But You, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.*

P: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. **C:** *Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.*

ALL: *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.*

Hymn: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" 451 vs. 1, 2, 4

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12 (Lights are brought lower) 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, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission. Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Choir: *“At the Cross”*

Gospel Lesson: *John 19: 17-30, 33-37 (Lights are lowered) 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 garments among them and casts 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 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.

..... But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness--- his testimony is true—that you may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.” And again the Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they have pierced.”

Hymn: *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* 450 vs. 5-7

Sermon --- *“He Alone was the Sacrifice”*

Prayers: (Lights are lowered)

Lord’s Prayer

We leave in Silence- No Benediction!!!!