

HOLY WEEK GATHERINGS

Join us as we reflect upon the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Monday

Vespers 6:30pm | Auditorium

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Vespers 6:30pm | Auditorium

Thursday

Creative Arts Night 7:15pm | Lower Level

Friday

Good Friday Services 4pm or 6pm | Auditorium

Saturday

Vespers 6:30pm | Auditorium

Sunday

Easter Services 9am or 10:30am | Auditorium

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed

Isa. 53:4-5

SONG | STRICKEN, SMITTEN, & AFFLICTED

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted. See him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

He's the long-expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; By his Son, God now has spoken: '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 interpose to save. But the deepest stroke that pierced him was as 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's the Rock of our salvation, his 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.

¹ Adapted from, O Sacred Head, Now Wounded; Gibson

READING OF THE LAW

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Jn. 15:9-12

CONFESSION OF SIN

We appeal, O Lord, to your mercies, knowing you are that God who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn and live.

You are our Savior, who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of your truth.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly ask you not to withdraw your mercies from us because of our sins, but rather, O Lord, lay upon us your saving health, that you may show yourself toward us to be a Savior.

For what greater praise can there be to a Physician, than to heal the sick; neither can there be any greater glory to you being a Savior, than to save sinners. Amen.

- Henry Smith

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Col. 3:1-4

ATHANASIAN CREED, PT. 2

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith: that we worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confounding their persons nor dividing the essence.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

None in this Trinity is before or after, none is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier, the unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in unity, is to be worshiped. Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

SONG | DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

SCRIPTURE READING

This reading gives us the description of what Jesus did on Tuesday of Holy Week.

Mk. 11:27-33, 12:18-27

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears, By Thy days of sore distress in the savage wilderness,

By the dread mysterious hour of the insulting tempter's power.

Turn, O turn, a favoring eye, Hear our penitential cry! Amen.

- Robert Grant

SONG | JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all." Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone, can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim, I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Eph. 3:20-21

FOR FURTHER MEDITATION

Snappy Quote

In his head he suffered from the crown of piercing thorns; in his hands and feet, from the driven nails; on his face from the blows and spittle; and over his entire body from the lashes of the whip. Moreover, he suffered in all his bodily senses: in touch, by being scourged and nailed; in taste, by being given vinegar and gall to drink; in smell, by being nailed to the cross in a place reeking with the stench of corpses, "which is called Calvary"; in hearing, by being tormented with the cries of blasphemers and scorners; in sight, by beholding the tears of his mother and of the disciple whom he loved.

- Thomas Aquinas

Westminster Catechism

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

