



HOLY WEEK VESPERS

Saturday
Evening

HOLY WEEK GATHERINGS

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

Monday

Vespers
6:30pm | Auditorium

Tuesday

Vespers
6:30pm | Auditorium

Wednesday

Vespers
6:30pm | Auditorium

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

And I will pour out on the
house of David and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem a
spirit of grace and pleas for
mercy, so that, when they
look on me, on him whom
they have pierced, they shall
mourn for him, as one
mourns for an only child, and
weep bitterly over him, as
one weeps over a firstborn.

Zech. 12:10

SONG | WHEN I SURVEY

When I survey the wondrous
cross on which the prince of
glory died, my richest gain I
count but loss and pour
contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should
boast save in the death of
Christ my God. All the vain
things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands,
his feet sorrow and love flow
mingled down. Did e'er such
love and sorrow meet or thorns
compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of
nature mine that were an
offering far too small. Love so
amazing so divine demands
my soul, my life, my all.

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

READING OF THE LAW

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deut. 6:4–9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws.

We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done.

Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are repentant, according to the promises declared to us through your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

– The General Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(His righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Rom. 4:24–25

BELGIC CONFESSION

ARTICLE 21

We believe that Jesus Christ is a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek—made such by an oath—and that he presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

For it is written that “the chastisement of our peace” was placed on the Son of God and that “we are healed by his wounds.” He was “led to death as a lamb”; he was “numbered among sinners” and condemned as a criminal by Pontius Pilate, though Pilate had declared that he was innocent.

So he paid back what he had not stolen, and he suffered—the “just for the unjust,” in both his body and his soul—in such a way that when he sensed the horrible punishment required by our sins his sweat became like “big drops of blood falling on the ground.” He cried, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

And he endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Therefore we rightly say with Paul that we “know nothing but Jesus and him crucified”; we consider all things as “dung for the excellence of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

This is also why the angel of God called him Jesus—that is, “Savior”—because he would save his people from their sins.

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 Saturday of Holy Week.

Matt. 27:62-66

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Sing, my tongue, the glorious
battle, sing the ending of the
fray; now above the cross,
the trophy, sound the loud
triumphant lay: tell how
Christ, the world's Redeemer,
as a victim won the day.

Thirty years he dwelt among
us, his appointed time
fulfilled; born for this, he met
his passion, this the Savior
freely willed: on the cross the
Lamb was lifted where his
precious blood was spilled.

He endured the nails, the
spitting, vinegar, and spear,
and reed; from that holy body
broken blood and water forth
proceed: earth, and stars, and
sky, and ocean, by that flood
from stain are freed.

Faithful cross! Above all
other, one and only noble
tree! None in foliage, none in
blossom, none in fruit thy
peer may be; sweetest wood
and sweetest iron! Sweetest
weight is hung on thee.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of
glory! Thy relaxing sinews
bend; for awhile the ancient
rigor that thy birth
bestowed, suspend; and the
King of heavenly beauty on
thy bosom gentle tend.

To the Trinity be glory
everlasting, as is meet; equal
to the Father, equal to the
Son, and Paraclete: God the
Three in One, whose praises
all created things repeat.

- Venantius Honorius
Fortunatus

SONG | I WILL WAIT FOR YOU

Out of the depths I cry to you.
In darkest places I will call.
Incline your ear to me anew
and hear my cry for mercy
Lord.

Were you to count my sinful
ways, how could I come
before Your throne? Yet full
forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace
alone.

I will wait for you, I will wait
for you, on Your word I will
rely. I will wait for you, surely
wait for you, till my soul is
satisfied.

So put your hope in God
alone, take courage in His
power to save. Completely
and forever won, by Christ
emerging from the grave.

His steadfast love has made a
way and God himself has paid
the price. That all who trust in
him today, find healing in his
sacrifice.

I will wait for you, I will wait
for you, through the storm
and through the night. I will
wait for you surely wait for
you, for Your love is my
delight.

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

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope. Amen.

Rom. 15:13

FOR FURTHER MEDITATION

Snappy Quote

That which the thrust of the spear ascertained as a fact, the burial colored and characterized, and thus made public.

- Klaas Schilder

Westminster Catechism

Q. What benefits do you receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

